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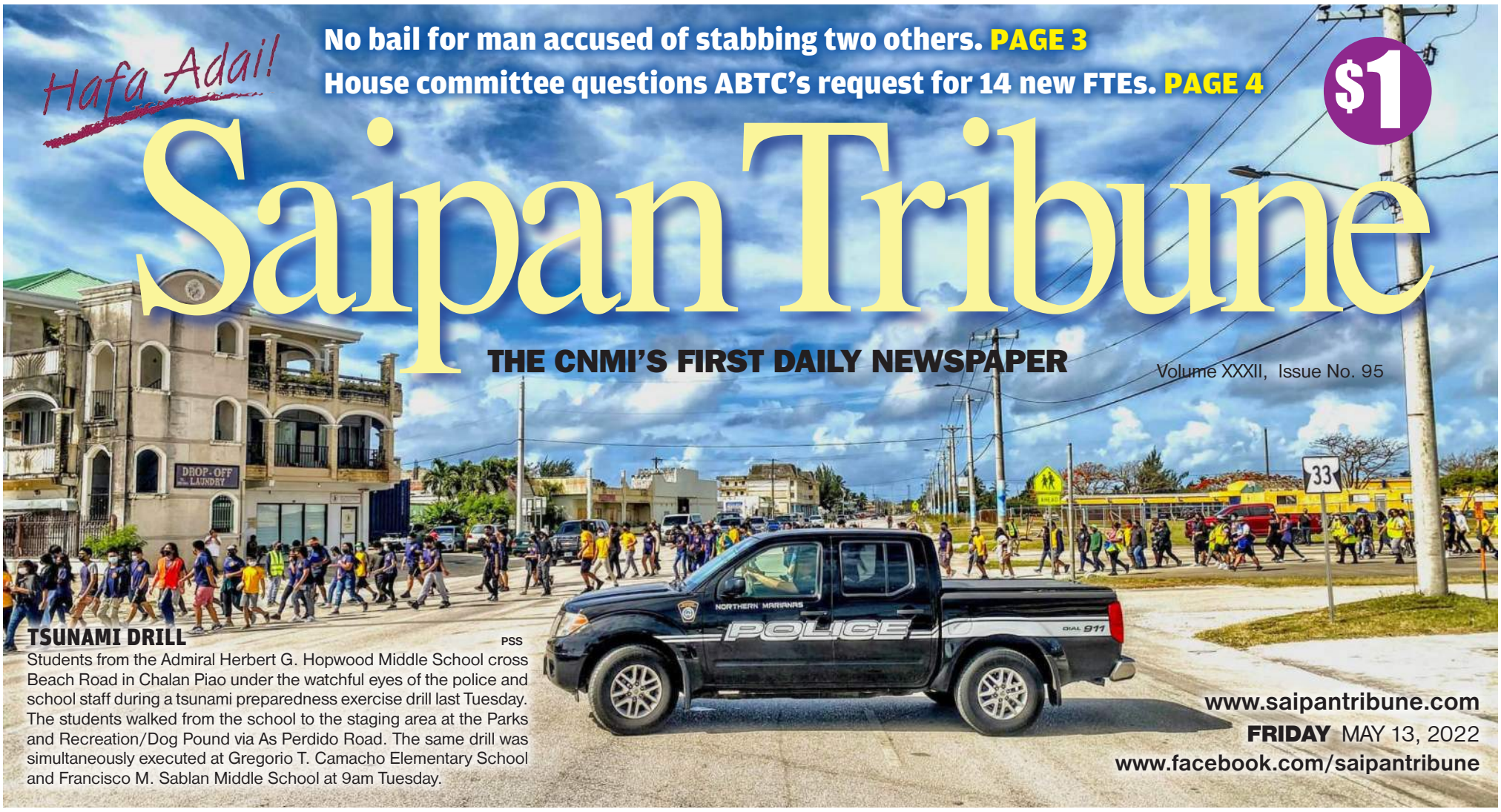

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Students from the Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School cross Beach Road in Chalan Piao under the watchful eyes of the police and school staff during a tsunami preparedness exercise drill last Tuesday. The students walked from the school to the staging area at the Parks and Recreation/Dog Pound via As Perdido Road. The same drill was simultaneously executed at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School and Francisco M. Sablan Middle School at 9am Tuesday.

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Torres' impeachment trial starts

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» Governor's counsels ready to call their first "exciting" witness
» House Speaker Villagomez uncertain on how to make their case without prosecutors

The historic impeachment trial of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is expected to kick off at 10am today—a Friday the 13th—with the House of Representatives uncertain as to how they are going to make their case without prosecutors to the senators who will decide whether to convict or acquit Torres on corruption and neglect of duty charges.

Saipan Tribune learned yesterday from a source that the counsels for the 42-year-old Torres are ready to call their first witness, which will reportedly make the trial "exciting."

The Republican-controlled nine-member Senate will make its decision whether to acquit the youngest governor on U.S. soil or convict and remove him from office—just as Torres, who is the titular head of CNMI's GOP, is only months away from a re-election bid in November.

Anthony Aguon, a young lawyer from Tinian, will be the lead counsel for the governor. Veteran lawyers Ross Garber and Gilbert Birnbrich will be the other counsels for Torres. The Washington D.C.-based Garber, a known impeachment trial expert, will appear virtually.

Torres

As of press time yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* was still await-

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'This tears my soul apart'

By CARA ANNA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AP

Yura Nechyporenko, 15, places a chocolate at the grave of his father Ruslan Nechyporenko at the cemetery in Bucha, on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

BUCHA, Ukraine (AP)—As he listened to his father die, the boy lay still on the asphalt. His elbow burned

» A Ukrainian boy and a killing

where a bullet had pierced him. His thumb stung from being grazed.

Another killing was in progress on a lonely street in Bucha, the community on the outskirts of Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, where bodies of civilians are still being

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No judge named yet to handle suit vs Senate

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The impeachment trial of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is set to begin today at the CNMI Senate but the CNMI Judiciary has yet to assign a judge to rule on Sen. Sen. Paul A. Manglona's (Ind-Rota) request for a temporary restraining order to temporarily suspend the Senate proceedings.

As of 5:30pm press time yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* learned that the CNMI Superior Court had yet to assign a judge to hear the complaint and rule on the TRO request taken out by Manglona and two other CNMI residents. They want the court to temporarily put the impeachment trial on hold until alleged violations made by the Senate in regard to the impeachment proceedings are addressed.

The complaint named Senate President Jude Hofschneider, and Sens. Karl King-Nabors (R-Tinian), Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Francisco Cruz (R-Rota), Vinnie Sablan (R-Saipan), and Justo Quitugua (R-Saipan) as defendants.

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Source: Office of the Governor

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AT HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION SIGNING

Ada: PSS will soon implement indigenous-based education

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Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada disclosed yesterday that the Public School System will soon begin implementing "indigenous-based education," which he said focuses on the health, environment, language, and protection of the indigenous.

» Ada reveals clay pottery recently dug up at MHS found to be from 1600's

Speaking during the Historic Preservation Month proclamation signing at the Canoe House in Susupe, Ada said he learned during his recent trip to Washington D.C. that the U.S. Department of Education will soon impose and implement indigenous-based education, as stated by USDOE Secretary Miguel Cardano to superintendents across the nation, including all education commissioners of insular areas.

"I am very pleased to say that we will begin implementing that through our….Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Classes," Ada said.

This comes as Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed yesterday the proclamation declaring May as Historic Preservation Month. He called on all citizens of the Commonwealth to celebrate the role of history in people's lives and contributions of people who help preserve the CNMI history that shaped its people, and to take part in all events and ceremonies this month.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs yesterday a proclamation declaring May as Historic Preservation Month at the Canoe House in Susupe. Also in the photo from left are NMI Museum of History and Culture executive director Daniel Aquino Jr., Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Historic Preservation Office director Rita Chong, and Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada.

Ada also shared a story about a recent dig at Marianas High School in order to replace one of its buildings. He said archeologists from Hawaii dug eight feet into the ground and took remnants of clay pottery they found there and brought them to Hawaii to study. He said the clay pottery were found to date back to the 1600s.

"I was taken aback to know that this area used to an ancient village on Saipan," he said.

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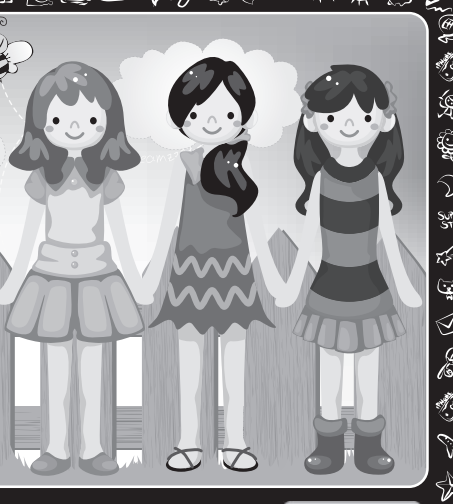

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No bail set for man accused of stabbing two others

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The Superior Court did not allow a man accused stabbing two me to post bail.

During an initial appearance hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan did not grant bail for Huang Rui Jun, 49, who is facing murder charges for stabbing two men and killing one of them.

When an individual is not granted bail, it means the defendant cannot post any sum of money for his release and must await further court proceedings in jail.

Following the hearing, Huang was immediately remanded back to Department of Corrections custody and was ordered to return to court on May 18, at 10am for a preliminary hearing while his arraignment was set for May 23, at 9am.

Huang is currently facing charges of murder, attempted murder, assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon after allegedly stabbing one man to death and leaving another critically injured, in what is recorded as the second stabbing at the Paseo de Marianas this year.

Two Department of Corrections officers escort Huang Rui Jun yesterday for his bail hearing at the Superior Court.
KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

According to court documents, in the early hours of Monday, May 9, Department of Public Safety received a phone call reporting a stabbing incident at the Paseo de Marianas across Loco Taco Restaurant.

At the scene, responding officers saw two male victims on the ground who were immediately transported to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for treatment. They were later identified as Meng Ling Wei and Ruchun Xu.

After being transported to CHCC, Ruchun was deemed in critical condition due to a stab wound to the chest before he was pronounced dead at 3:50am by Dr. Elizabeth Culp.

Meanwhile Meng sustained multiple abrasions on his elbow, lower back, a small skin tear on his feet, and a stab wound on his right rib area. Meng needed six staples to close the stab wound and remains under antibiotic medication.

A police investigation revealed that Meng, Guo Feng Liao, and Xiao Ping Wang were walking home from Kiss Bar in Garapan when they met up with Huang.

Meng allegedly heard Huang "talking loudly" to Guo Feng, prompting Meng to cuss out Huang in Cantonese. Meng stated that after he cussed out Huang, Huang punched him in the face, causing him to fall.

Meng and his group then left the area but claimed he was still mad at Huang for punching him. Meng later told police that he went back to fight Huang followed by his friends and Ruchun.

Meng stated that during the fight, he heard someone within the group shout that Ruchen had been stabbed and he saw Ruchen lying on the ground, bleeding from his chest.

Meng said he tried to apply pressure to Ruchen's wound until police arrived.

At that point, Meng said he noticed that he too had been stabbed on the right side of his body after touching his right side and seeing blood.

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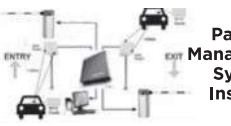
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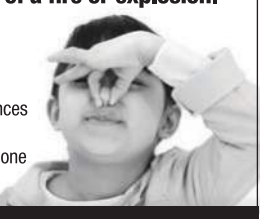

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The mobility space is getting greener in the Northern Mariana Islands, as Enterprise Saipan announced today that it has acquired hybrid vehicles as part of its fleet of vehicles serving Saipan.

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House Ways and Means questions ABTC's request for 14 new FTEs

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The House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee asked yesterday the Department of Commerce's Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division for an explanation about its request for 30 full-time employees, including 14 additional FTEs.

At a budget hearing, Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota) said that ABTC requested for 30 FTEs, but it looks like that wasn't granted.

Manglona requested an explanation what the additional 14 new FTEs would be used and how that would assist the division.

ABTC director David Maratita said they have requested for 14 new FTEs for their plan to transition into a 24-hour operation.

Manglona

Maratita said they had that plan prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and when the pandemic kicked in they had to hold it back because it wasn't just possible to transition to 24 hours of operation.

He said there were cuts in hours and layoffs of personnel that they have to deal with during the pandemic.

The director said they are basing themselves on the business demands.

"We have additional classified licenses that were passed into law," said Maratita, adding that before they had seven license classes and there are additional two more licenses.

He said the additional licenses refer to businesses that operate up to 4am.

He said nine are operating 24 hours so they need to have additional personnel there for 24 hours.

Maratita said these 14 additional FTEs would have been just for enforcement officers.

In response to Rep. Celina Babauta's (D-Saipan) question if ABTC has communicated with the Department of Public Safety about aligning and working in tandem to be efficient, Maratita said they have been doing that, but their responsibilities and duties are different from DPS "because we deal directly with businesses, whereas DPS deals with the public."

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discovered weeks after Russian soldiers withdrew. Many had been shot in the head.

The 14-year-old Yura Nechyporenko was about to become one of them.

Survivors have described soldiers firing guns near their feet or threatening them with grenades, only to be drawn away by a cooler-headed colleague. But there was no one around to restrain the Russian soldier that day in March when Yura and his father, 47-year-old Ruslan, were biking down a tree-lined street.

They were on their way to visit vulnerable neighbors sheltering in basements and homes without electricity or running water. Their bikes were tied with white fabric, in a sign they traveled in peace.

When the soldier stepped from a dirt path to challenge them, Yura and his father immediately stopped and raised their hands.

"What are you doing?" Yura remembers the soldier asking. The soldier didn't give Yura's father time to answer.

The boy heard two gunshots. His father fell, mouth open, already bleeding.

A shot hit Yura's hand, and he fell, too. Another shot struck his elbow. He closed his eyes.

A final shot was fired.

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Yura's extraordinary account alleging an attempted killing by Russian soldiers stands out as international justice experts descend on Bucha, a center of the horrors and possible war crimes in Ukraine. More than 1,000 bodies have been found so far in Bucha and other communities around Kyiv. In Bucha alone, 31 children under the age of 18 were killed and 19 wounded, according to local authorities.

"All children were killed or injured deliberately, since the Russian soldiers deliberately shot at evacuating cars that had the signs 'CHILDREN' and white fabric tied to them, and they deliberately shot at the homes of civilians," the chief prosecutor of the Bucha region, Ruslan Kravchenko, told the AP.

The U.N. human rights office says at least 202 children across Ukraine have been killed in Russia's invasion, and believes the real number to be considerably higher. The Ukrainian government's count is 217 children killed and over 390 wounded.

The AP and Frontline, drawing from a variety of sources, have independently documented 21 attacks where children were killed that likely meet the definition of a war crime, ranging from the discovery of a child in a shallow grave in Borodyanka to the bombing of a theater in Mariupol. The total number of child victims in the attacks is unknown, and the accounting represents just a fraction of potential war crimes.

Yura is a teenager growing into himself, spindly and spotted, with dark circles pressed under his eyes. Adulthood has been rushed upon him. As he lies on the floor of his family's home to demonstrate what happened, he shows the healing holes in his elbow.

His mother, Alla, takes deep breaths to calm herself. Yura, sitting up, wraps an arm around her, then puts his head on her shoulder.

On that awful day, Yura survived the attempted killing by the awkward grace of that teenage constant, his gray hoodie. It was shot instead of him, and he felt it move.

Yura lay on the street for minutes afterward, waiting for the soldier to walk away.

Then Yura ran. He reached the kindergarten where his mother worked, and where some residents used the basement as a shelter. They were shocked to see the boy and gave him first aid.

He realized he needed to go home. He returned to the streets, not knowing where the next soldier might be.

When he arrived home, his family called the police. The police said they could do nothing because they didn't control the area, according to the family. The ambulance service said the same.

The police told the family that officers didn't know what to do with the case, according to the boy's uncle, Andriy. A prosecutor's report describes the killing and attempted killing in a few bare sentences, including the loss of a cellphone belonging to Yura's father. He would have been of help now—he'd been a lawyer.

Kravchenko told the AP that they continue to work on Yura's case, and expressed confidence that crimes committed during Russia's invasion of Ukraine can be successfully investigated. Among other things, footage from dozens of surveillance cameras in Bucha is being analyzed, and an identification album of Russian soldiers' faces is being assembled.

In March, the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court announced that investigations into crimes against children in particular will benefit from a new trust fund. Children account for half or more of those affected by conflict, but are often labeled as too vulnerable to testify or as having inaccurate memories, according to Veronique Aubert, the special adviser on crimes involving children to the prosecutor of the ICC.

Yura's case is unusual.

"Prosecutors may want to take up this case because the victim is still alive and can potentially testify," said Ryan Goodman, a law professor at New York University and former special counsel for the U.S. Defense Department. "It may be difficult if not impossible for a defendant to claim they were somehow justified in trying to kill a child."

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It was left to Yura's family to retrieve his father's body.

They did it the following day. Yura's grandmother, who is in her 70s, pleaded with Russian soldiers to let her approach the body.

With their guns cocked, they let her walk ahead of them. Another soldier in the distance shouted, "Don't come here or we'll kill you." But he didn't fire.

They brought Yura's father home in a wheelbarrow. He was rolled in a carpet and placed on an old wooden door. Amid the sounds of shelling and gunfire, they buried him in the yard behind the woodshed, in one of many makeshift graves hurriedly dug during the monthlong Russian occupation.

Yura and his family left Bucha the next day along a rare evacuation corridor. The wounded boy walked first through the streets, holding a stick tied with a white towel, with a white sling around his arm. The family had to pass the scene of the shooting.

As they walked closer to the evacuation point, Russian soldiers asked where they were going. They asked what had happened to Yura.

TORRES'

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ing comments from Torres.

Torres said in a previous statement, though, that he has not done anything illegal and that he trusts the Senate's ability to conduct the trial with transparency, proper decorum, and in accordance with published rules.

Senate floor leader Vinnie F. Sablan, (R-Saipan), who is the governor's running mate in the November 2022 election, has already recused himself from the proceedings, along with Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (R-Saipan). That leaves the Senate with just seven senators who will be voting on Torres' fate. The CNMI Constitution requires two-thirds of the full Senate—or six senators—to vote "yes" to convict Torres.

Four senators, though, are Torres' party-mates. The Republican senators are Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider, who is the presiding officer of the proceedings, Karl R. King-Nabors, Francisco Q. Cruz, and Victor B. Hocog.

The minority senators are Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan), Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), and Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota).

In an interview yesterday, House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) said he can't wait to see how the Senate is going to proceed with the trial, given everything that has happened.

Villagomez said the House was not given the opportunity to select its prosecutors and that the House's impeachment records have been rejected.

"I just would like to see how they're going' to carry on with the hearing [today]," the speaker said.

He said they've always pushed the Senate to give them the opportunity to select House members to serve as prosecutors. The Senate, however, went ahead and selected Rep. Corina L. Magofna (D-Saipan) as prosecutor, but Magofna rejected it because they feel that he (Villagomez) should be given the opportunity to appoint more than one House lawmaker to be named House prosecutor.

"But it is what it is," said the speaker, adding that the Senate does have the authority to decide on the setup of how the trial is going to proceed in their court.

Villagomez said the Senate has their requirements and that the House respectfully disagrees.

He said he believes some House members might go to the public comment portion and express their views on the issues.

Last Jan. 12, with 15 "yes" votes, four "no" votes, and one abstention, the Democrat-controlled House passed House Resolution 22-14, impeaching Torres for alleged commission of felonies, corruption, and neglect of duty, in violation of Article 111, Section 19 of the CNMI Constitution.

House Resolution 22-14, introduced by Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan), has six Articles of Impeachment charging Torres with committing felony theft of utility services, committing felony theft, corruption for unlawful first-class and business-class travel, corruption for misuse of government resources, neglect of duty for negligence during crisis, and neglect of duty for contempt of the Legislature.

Torres is the second governor in CNMI history to be impeached by the House. The first one was former governor Benigno R. Fitial.

JUDGE

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In related news, Manglona and CNMI residents Carmen Patricia Deleon Guerrero and Bruce Lee Jorgensen filed a motion yesterday seeking a temporary restraining order against the Senate to suspend the impeachment proceedings while their complaint remains pending with the Superior Court.

"[We] were compelled to initiate this civil action, in an effort to protect and promote the welfare, rights, and fiduciary interests of all members of the CNMI general public. *Pro se* plaintiffs are cognizant that defendants intend to commence [impeachment proceedings] on May 13, which relate directly and are inextricably intertwined with the claims alleged in the complaint," the motion for TRO stated. Appearing before the court without a lawyer is considered *pro se.*

In addition, the three plaintiffs claim that the impeachment proceedings would cause irreparable harm to the CNMI community if it were to begin.

"*Pro se* plaintiffs seek to protect themselves, and the CNMI community at large from the certainty that if the May 13th session transpires—and the impeachment proceedings or related activities commence and/or conclude pursuant and/or through application or impact of the impeachment rules the Senate has enacted in violation, circumvention, and subversion of CNMI law, including the Open Government Act requisites—then detrimental impact and irreparable harm to all in the CNMI community shall be compounded with exacerbated and otherwise needless harmful consequences," the motion stated.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Manglona and his co-plaintiffs have filed five causes of actions to sue Republican members of the Senate on the grounds of violations of the Open Government Act, violations of the CNMI Constitution, breach of constitutional duty, and alleged deprivation of due process and civil rights.

As relief, the plaintiffs want the court to grant a restraining order prohibiting the defendants from proceeding with the Senate's impeachment trial under the allegedly tainted impeachment rules, among others.

Just hours after the plaintiffs filed their complaint, two of the CNMI's five Superior Court judges recused themselves from hearing the case.

The plaintiffs believe the three remaining judges will follow suit.

USAO pushes 18-month sentence for manpower agency staff

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The U.S. government will recommend an 18-month plea deal sentence for a manpower agency employee for conspiracy to defraud the United States.

According to a U.S. Attorney's Office memorandum submitted last Tuesday, it said the U.S. government will recommend that Mylene Basco Casapunan be sentenced to 18 months in prison, pursuant to a proposed plea deal.

Casapunan's sentence hearing at the U.S. District Court for the NMI is scheduled for Monday, May 16, at 1:30pm.

The U.S. Attorney's Office stated that sentencing Casapunan to 18 months in prison is in line with the sentencing in a related case, United States v. Alejandro Tumandao Nario, where Alejandro Tumandao Nario received a sentence of 21 months.

Nario is the owner, president, and manager of A&A Enterprises, CNMI LLC, a manpower agency business in the CNMI. Court documents stated that Casapunan worked hand in hand with Nario to facilitate a visa fraud scheme for approximately two years on Saipan.

It said that Casapunan, a staff employed under Nario, "prepared CW-I petitions by acquiring information, communicating with foreign beneficiaries, and unlawfully modifying and forging documents for submission with petitions."

Additionally, Casapunan "facilitated finances for A&A Enterprises, whereby foreign beneficiaries were coerced into making bi-weekly payments or else suffer from the rescinding of a CW-1 visa."

Furthermore, Casapunan's 18-month sentence "is also in line with another related case, United States v. Rosalee Bangot Abejo, where [she] received a sentence of six months home incarceration," the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Also, Abejo's sentence should be distinguished from Casapunan because Abejo participated in "less than five fraudulent documents."

The U.S. Attorney's Office said it is "confident it would prove through electronic and physical evidence that Casapunan directly participated in at least 24 petitions." However, in order to prove that Casapunan was involved, it would be through Casapunan's statement and Nario's statement, "who agreed to cooperate with the government in the prosecution of Casapunan."

According to Saipan Tribune archives, A&A Enterprises facilitated an unlawful scheme to acquire CW-1 nonimmigrant visas for foreign citizens to enter and remain in the CNMI.

The government also said that Nario's sentence should be "distinguished from Casapunan because of the number of fraudulent documents involved in the respective cases. As owner of A&A Enterprises, Nario signed each CW-1 visa petition." The physical evidence and Nario's statements support this claim.

Last February of this year, Nario was sentenced to 21 months in prison for fraud and misuse of visas (visa fraud). The court also ordered three years of supervised release, a $7,000 fine, and a $100 special assessment fee.

At the same hearing, Abejo was sentenced to six months of home confinement and 36 months of probation for conspiracy to defraud the U.S. The court also ordered 72 months of supervised release, 50 hours of community service, and a $100 special assessment fee.

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COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES, LOCATED AT THE HORIGUCHI BLDG. GROUND FLOOR, 123 KOPPA DI ORU & BEACH ROAD, GARAPAN SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ITB CAN BE MADE TO MR. TIMOTHY ASAIVAO, AT THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AT (670) 664-3157.

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/S/ VICKY BENAVENTE
SECRETARY OF LABOR

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, PS

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARFF ROLL UP DOOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-20

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's (CPA) is a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). In accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations, CPA hereby seeks the services of qualified consulting firms to provide Construction Management Services for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport ARFF Roll Up Doors Replacement Project, No. CPA-SA-001-20.

The project is being funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority and is in accordance and compliance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations, Section 40-50-202, Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Administration Office, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Electronic copies may be made available upon written request to Ms. Wendi Prater at wprater@cnmiports.com or Ms. Sheri Llagas at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com.

Questions regarding this request for qualification statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, via email to wprater@cnmiports.com or hand delivered to the CPA Administration Office by no later than 5:00 p.m. CHST, local time, Friday, June 3, 2022.

The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available in the RFQ package.

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m. CHST, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: May 9, 2022

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- Other duties as assigned

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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on *Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 8am* on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Administration Building, Governor's Conference Room on Capitol Hill.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (04/13/2022)
V. Public Comments
VI. Chairperson's Report
  A. Information on Foreign Practitioners Treating Athletes During the Mini Games
  B. Reassignment of HCPLB Legal Counsel
VII. Director's Report
  A. Trip Report - FSMB Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
  B. Inquiry Regarding Temporary Psychology License to Provide Service
  C. Update on Regulations for Addiction Professional
  D. Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) Membership
  E. Update on the Hearing Confirmation of Ted Parker and Dr. Tiffany Willis
VIII. Investigator's Report
IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
  A. Governor's Office
  B. Legislature
X. Old Business
  A. Amending Physician Regulation/Application
XI. New Business
XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
  A. New Application
  B. Renewal Application
XIII. Miscellaneous Business
XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
XV. Announcements
  A. Next Meeting Date
  B. Adjournment of Meeting

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP22-CHCC/SURGICAL EXPANSION-017

DESIGN SERVICES FOR EXPANSION OF THE SURGERY DEPARTMENT

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) is soliciting sealed proposals from prospective firms to provide Professional Services for Architectural and Construction of CHCC's 3-Level Parking Garage Project.

This procurement is in accordance with the CHCC procurement Regulations. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with CHCC §140-80.1-210 (Competitive Sealed Proposals of the CHCC Procurement Regulations.

The Request for Proposals and Scope of Work is available on April 29, 2022 online at www.chcc.health, navigate to the RFP tab on the left navigation bar, click on the URL for this **RFP22-CHCC/SURGICAL EXPANSION-017**.

Inquiries regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing via email to Ms. Cora P. Ada, Director of Procurement at cora.ada@chcc.health no later than May 23rd, 2022.

Selection Criteria:
Technical criteria
i. 25% Experience and Qualifications in similar or related projects
ii. 25% Technical approach to meet deliverables and meet timelines of the project. Must be financially stable and must have adequate equipment and tools.
iii. 25% Project Approach - demonstrate understanding and ability to meet requirements
iv. 25% Cost Proposal

The successful proposer will be subjected to a responsibility determination in accordance with CHCC Procurement Regulations §140-80.1-245.

Please email your proposal to Ms. Corazon P. Ada, Director, CHCC Division of Procurement and Supply, at **chcc.procurement@gmail.com** or submit five (5) hard copies including original copy, **no later than 10:00 AM Chamorro Standard Time (CHST) on May 30, 2022** at the CHCC Main Campus Office. Proposals received after the date and time will not be accepted

Please note submission instructions:
- All submissions must include the **RFP22-CHCC/SURGICAL EXPANSION-017** and Project Title in the email subject.
- All documents must be submitted in Adobe PDF Format.
- All pages of your proposal must include the RFP # and Project Title in the header, plus page number in the footer.

Proposers may opt to submit out (4) hard copies in addition to the original proposal (5 in total) to the CHCC Division of Procurement and Supply, CHCC Main Office, Saipan.

Failure to follow the instructions regarding the submission of RFP responses may result in the CHCC's choice to disqualify such proposals.

/S/ DR. ESTHER L. MUNA
CHC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORA P. ADA
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United adds flights between Japan and Guam for summer travel

GUAM—United Airlines announced yesterday the addition of flights between Tokyo/Narita, Japan and Guam in time for the summer travel season.

For May, United added a Saturday morning flight and a Sunday evening flight between Tokyo/Narita and Guam to its daily service, increasing service to nine-times weekly. Beginning June 3, United will add two more morning flights per week bringing the total number of flights between the countries to 11-times weekly.

"We are pleased to announce the increased capacity between Japan and Guam to promote leisure travel to Guam during the summer travel season," said Sam Shinohara, managing director of airport operations for Asia Pacific at United. "The new schedule will include an additional morning flight and a convenient Sunday evening flight, which will give customers in Japan the best options to travel to Guam."

Effective June 3, 2022, the flight schedule between Narita and Guam will be as follows:

Depart	Time	Arrive	Time	Day of the Week
Guam	7:00 a.m.	Narita	9:55 a.m.	Mon. / Thurs. / Sat.
Guam	12:30 p.m.	Narita	3:25 p.m.	Daily
Guam	5:00 p.m.	Narita	7:55 p.m.	Sun.
Narita	11:00 a.m.	Guam	3:55 p.m.	Mon. / Thurs. / Sat.
Narita	5:00 p.m.	Guam	9:55 p.m.	Daily
Narita	9:05 p.m.	Guam	1:45 a.m. (+1)	Sun.

Schedule may be subject to change. (+1) indicates travel on the following day.

"As we increase flights, we are also closely monitoring the demand. Our goal is to fully restore our Japan schedule and add routes as travel demand increases. Our Japan service is important for the region as it provides more options for travelers to visit Guam and also provides residents of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and Micronesia with better connectivity to destinations in Asia, Hawaii, and the mainland U.S.," Shinohara added.

For more details or to book travel, visit united.com, the United app, or inquire with local travel agents. Customers in Guam can receive assistance at the United City Ticket Office in Tiyan or by calling 1-800-864-8331. ***(PR)***

AMP temporarily closes tennis courts

The tennis courts at the American Memorial Park will be temporarily closed for renovations from today, May 13, to June 1, 2022, according to an AMP news release yesterday.

The news release stated that contractors will repair and resurface the tennis courts. During the work, the construction area will be closed to the public. For safety reasons the public is advised to stay clear of the area.

Park officials regret the short notice for tennis court closure but looks forward to welcoming the community to the courts once construction work is completed.

For additional information on tennis court renovations contact Chief Ranger Jayson Tinney at (670) 234-7207 or -2009 or jayson_tinney@nps.gov. ***(PR)***

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICE

INVITATION TO BID
ITB22-GOV-PA-MOR-42200099

ROTA MAYOR'S OFFICE PARKS AND FACILITIES RENOVATION

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Public Assistance Office (PAO) are soliciting sealed bids for the Rota Mayor's Office Parks and Facilities Renovation, in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on **Friday, May 13, 2022** at the CNMI Public Assistance Office (CNMI PAO), Office of the Governor, Marina Heights II, Suite 303 Puerto Rico, Saipan. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained in the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70.30.3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference on **May 31, 2022** at **9:00 AM ChST**, at the project site in Rota, CNMI. Questions concerning this project must be directed to Patrick C. Guerrero in writing by e-mail: info@pa.gov.mp on or before, to the Public Assistance Office, Office of the Governor. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB21-GOV-PA-MOR-42200099: Rota Mayor's Office Parks and Facilities Renovation"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services located at the Horiguchi Bldg. Ground Floor, 123 Koppa Di Oru & Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan no later than **9:00 AM ChST, June 13, 2022**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notice of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **9:00 AM, ChST, June 13, 2022**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to bidintent@dof.gov.mp. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 13, 2022** and mailed to the Acting Director of Procurement Services at P.O. Box 510008, C.K., Saipan, MP 96950 and the bid documents received no later than **June 21, 2022** Failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, Located at the Horiguchi Bldg. Ground Floor, 123 Koppa Di Oru & Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, at 9:00 AM, ChST, June 22, 2022. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 9:00 AM, ChST, on June 13, 2022.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be Two Hundred dollars ($200.00) per day, and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

BREACH OF ETHICAL STANDARDS
(To be part of Solicitation for quotes, ITBs and RFPs)

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• **Contingent Fees.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-730.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, and to wave any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor, CNMI

/S/ Francisco C Aguon, Acting Director
CNMI Procurement Services

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Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Public Assistance Office (PAO) are soliciting sealed bids for the Rota Mayor's Office Buildings and Equipment Renovation, in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on **Friday, May 13, 2022** at the CNMI Public Assistance Office (CNMI PAO), Office of the Governor, Marina Heights II, Suite 303 Puerto Rico, Saipan. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained in the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70.30.3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current
U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference on **May 31, 2022** at **1:00 PM** ChST, at the project site in Rota, CNMI. Questions concerning this project must be directed to Patrick C. Guerrero in writing by e-mail: info@pa.gov.mp on or before, **June 03, 2022** to the Public Assistance Office, Office of the Governor. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB22-GOV-PA-MOR-42200100: Rota Mayor's Office Buildings and Equipment Renovation"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services located at the Horiguchi Bldg. Ground Floor, 123 Koppa Di Oru & Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan no later than **9:30 AM ChST, June 13, 2022**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notice of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **9:30 AM, ChST, June 13, 2022**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to bidintent@dof.gov.mp. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 13, 2022**, and mailed to the Acting Director of Procurement Services at P.O. Box 510008, C.K., Saipan, MP 96950 and the bid documents received no later than **June 21, 2022**. Failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, Horiguchi Bldg. Ground Floor, 123 Koppa Di Oru & Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, at **9:30 AM, ChST, June 22, 2022**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **9:30 AM, ChST, on June 13, 2022**..

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other

surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
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5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be Two Hundred dollars ($200.00) per day, and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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/S/ Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor, CNMI

/S/ Francisco C Aguon, Acting Director
CNMI Procurement Services

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EDITORIAL

Stay vigilant on the coronavirus

Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, there's a yearning for regular times that's understandable and unstoppable. That reality, however, requires doing more to minimize COVID-19's spread than the strategies employed so far at 2022's high-profile events.

Case in point: the recent return of the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner, which was held not long after a previous gathering of Washington, D.C., insiders turned into a COVID-19 superspreader event.

Due to the virus, the correspondents' dinner went on hiatus in 2020 and 2021. Event organizers brought it back this spring. About 2,600 "journalists, celebrities, and political figures" gathered in an indoor ballroom on April 30.

They chose to do so, as Trevor Noah, a comedian and featured speaker, noted that night, despite knowing that many prominent people had become ill with COVID-19 after attending the Gridiron dinner earlier last month.

At least 70 Gridiron attendees became ill. Among them: U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland.

The correspondents' dinner organizers chose to go ahead. Not surprisingly, there's now a growing list of attendees who have tested positive for COVID-19, including journalists reporting for CNN, NBC, CBS, Politico and The Washington Post.

Thankfully, President Joe Biden, who spoke at the dinner, has not become ill. But a key member of his Cabinet did: Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

To their credit, the correspondents' dinner organizers required proof of vaccination and a "same-day negative test." But the mounting tally of illnesses illustrates the need to strategize beyond that—something that organizers of graduation ceremonies and other significant springtime events should note.

The correspondents' dinner was held inside. At this point in the pandemic, everyone should understand the inherent COVID-19 risk. The size of this event may have precluded an outdoor venue, which would have been far preferable. But if indoors is the only option, rising COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations strongly suggest that masks should be required for the time being.

Other innovative approaches: shortening events to limit COVID-19's spread, ensuring that venues have updated air filtration capabilities to clean circulating air and installing unique ultraviolet lights to disinfect the air further. The correspondents' dinner organizers regrettably declined an offer to install such lighting at no charge.

A transition back to pre-pandemic life is well underway. Innovation and smart strategies are crucial to minimizing COVID-19's risks along the way.

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My mother, the stealth feminist

By PAMELA RIBON
Los Angeles Times

Pamela Ribon, a screenwriter whose credits include Moana, is the author of You Take It From Here and other novels. She co-hosts the podcast Listen to Sassy.

"Never need a man to live your life."

Mom says she doesn't remember giving me that advice. I'm not sure where we were living then. In my mind there are palm trees, but that's an unreliable backdrop. Dad wasn't home much on either coast.

My mother insists she had nothing to do with the woman I am today. She doesn't see how much we have in common, even though we're both prone to giggle fits and usually have our heads tilted into books.

She's convinced herself I just turned out like this, as if she didn't fight like hell to make a path for me. I'm outspoken, a writer and performer who loves to destroy both the patriarchy and power ballads at karaoke. Meanwhile, Mom's so terrified at the thought of someone seeing her very existence she hides from cameras like some people dodge bees.

My grandmother was barely 17 and definitely wasn't pregnant by choice when she was sent to a home for wayward girls to live until her secret was born. Stubborn was Gramma's native tongue, so I'm not surprised she refused to give her baby to the nuns who urged and expected her to sign her rights away as a form of redemption.

My mom entered this world labeled a mistake, a mystery, a problem. Living proof of someone being up to no good. Some neighborhood kids weren't allowed to play with her because she wasn't from the right kind of family. I suspect this is partly why Mom avoids attention. Attention can get you punished fast.

When Mom finished high school there was no money to go to college, and even less of a reason. She had a few jobs, but it wasn't long before she met my father, who secured the rights to her future in a front porch face-off with my grandmother. In her inimitable style, Gramma swore at him up and down, and he swore he would take care of my mom for the rest of her life.

It didn't exactly work out that way. Mom's financial future was ruined once she took Dad's name. A wife couldn't even get a credit card without her husband's approval back then, but worse than that, Mom married into my dad's existing debt, which he would secretly transfer to her name before he died.

Her life was always under his control. Mom's paychecks went straight to Dad, even during years when he was unemployed. She was given an allowance, always careful never to ask for more than what she thought she could get, what she thought she deserved. Consequently, she never got what she was worth.

I was maybe 7 when Mom got off the phone that day and started giving me advice honed by years of regret.

"Don't let any man own your freedom. When you give over your money, you give over your life."

I don't think I knew the word "feminist" back then. But that's the day I saw what one looked like, even if my mother might disagree.

When I was even younger, I promised Mom that when I grew up she'd live down the street from me. We moved a lot, so this was a wild dream that Mom would only bring up from time to time — usually when we were at our most heated, or if I was dreaming of a future far away from her.

Years ago, we were on the phone talking about where I might end up, where I might write.

"It's a shame you can't have a kid now that you're divorced," she said. "You would've made a great mother."

I swallowed my first reaction. Went with another: "Mom, I can still have a child. Lots of people raise a kid on their own."

"It's not fair, making someone grow up with all that judgment," she said. "I know you're brave, but please don't do that to someone else."

Eventually I did get pregnant. I wasn't married, but I had a partner. A man who is good with money and best under pressure, who could make my mother laugh, who was patient with her questions and who reminded her all the time that she didn't need permission to do what she wanted.

Mom couldn't move west fast enough. She sold her house (without consulting anyone) and moved to be close to her grandchild. I couldn't have the life or career I have without her, and to thank her for that, she lives a few houses down the street from me, just as I promised.

Our kid is 9 now. She is smart and funny and very much her own person. One time when she was younger, maybe 4, I was standing at the kitchen sink when she asked me, "If one day I

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MHS won top prize through commitment and participation

TOGETHER, WE CAN
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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Hafa adai yan tirow woomi from Marianas High School!

On April 19, Marianas High School was the top winner of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' Marianas Village Pride contest, winning $15,000. It was such a pleasant surprise for MHS to win the top prize! It was a collective effort, which was achieved by our entire school community. We thank GCEA and all the MVP sponsors who made this possible.

Since the announcement, I've had many people ask me how I felt about our school winning the $15,000 and how we will spend it. I will be working with my leadership team to be strategic in maximizing every cent to reinvest in our school and our students. I am looking forward to seeing the projects that we will launch very soon.

It's important to note that in addition to participating in all the contests, we won this prize because we earned points for every hour our volunteers cleaned, painted, and refurbished the medians and sidewalks. MHS completed three projects—refurbishing the curbs and the bus stop at Commissioner Joaquin S. Tudela Community Park in San Vicente and the medians in front of Marianas Visitors Authority's office.

We received tremendous satisfaction knowing that we contributed to the beautification of our island. Our students learned the value of being of service to our island, their school, and each other. They also learned that they could make a difference by making a commitment, showing up, and getting to work. I am very proud of their hard work and enthusiasm to participate. The activities were also good bonding and team-building exercises. Although the contest period has ended, I encourage all schools and groups throughout the CNMI to adopt a median, sidewalk, bus stop, or parking lot in your village. If we all do our part, we will see a significant improvement in the beauty and cleanliness of our islands.

Pride in our villages

Another secret to our success is that our school—from the administrators and staff to our students—embodied the MVP values and started to take more pride in our school.

I am happy to see this reinvigorated effort in reinvesting in our communities through our people. The concept of village pride is not new to the Marianas. There is a storied history to every village, and many families have roots that run deep in our villages. Pride in our heritage and culture is inherent in Pacific Islander cultures. We are proud of where we come from.

One of the MVP contests provided the opportunity for us to discuss what it means to be proud of where we are from. The MVP Village Flag Art Contest allowed our students to take notice of their villages' unique histories, traditions, flora, fauna, diversity, and lineages. According to GCEA, MHS showed strong participation with more than 800 entries.

It was truly a community effort. I thank our team for dedicating classroom time to this important conversation and activity, and I congratulate the 22 students whose art was selected to inspire the new village flags. These flags, 35 in total, represent all villages on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan and will be unveiled during the Pacific Mini Games' opening ceremony. They will be proudly carried by athletes representing the Marianas. When you support the games this summer, look out for the new village flags. We can all be proud that students throughout the Marianas had a direct hand in this effort.

Be a part of MVP 2.0

MHS looks forward to the new MVP programs later this year. GCEA mentioned that it will be growing the program. I welcome more good conversations with them and encourage my fellow administrators and educators to become active in the program. We can help those outside our schools understand the culture within our school communities and rally greater support for our schools' needs. Schools continue to face challenges, such as completing the remainder of this school year with in-person classes, but I am hopeful for more consistency in the new school year and positive things to come.

As the largest public school in the CNMI, MHS serves students from across Saipan. This allows us to reinforce the message to our students and stakeholders that anyone can contribute to making our home a better place to live. Together, We Can!

For more information about how your group can participate in any of GCEA's programs, visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com. Engage with GCEA on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy), or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

Don't be surprised when Supreme Court comes for interracial marriage

By MICHELLE DEAL-ZIMMERMAN
The Baltimore Sun

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If, OK, when the U.S. Supreme Court gets around to banning interracial marriage, my husband and I wonder what will happen.

Will we be fined $1,000 a day until we come to our senses and realize, after two decades of wedded bliss, that Justice Samuel Alito is right and our union is not ingrained in American history and, as such, should be dissolved?

Will we be rounded up and sent to a work camp of interracial couples, where we eat black and white cookies and listen to people boast about having created the most beautiful babies in America? Will there be trigger laws in places that will see us jailed once we cross a state line? Will we have to carry our marriage license everywhere we go? (We were married in Florida so they'll probably just revoke it.)

Maybe we will simply be grandfathered into a narrow window of time when this nation and its leadership was not hellbent on overturning every inch of hard-won progress America has made in the last 50 years.

I don't wish to sound alarmist, but a lot of things we have taken for granted during the last half-century appear to be crumbling before our eyes. And given what many Americans have lived through in recent years, if you are not in a constant state of alarm, then you are not paying attention.

When Neil Gorsuch appeared at confirmation hearings in 2017, he said Roe v. Wade was settled law, a super precedent even.

"Precedent … deserves our respect," Gorsuch said. "And to come in and think that just because I'm new or the latest thing I'd know better than everybody who comes before me would be an act of hubris."

You don't say?

In 2018, Brett Kavanaugh said Roe was "settled law," according to reported private conversations with senators. At his confirmation hearing, he said "It is settled as a precedent of the Supreme Court, entitled the respect under principles of stare decisis." The latter being the term for historic decisions that deserve judicial reverence.

It's a surprise then that in the recently leaked draft opinion that foresees Roe v. Wade being overturned by summer, those two justices voted in favor of sending the nation on a blast to the past, pre-1973.

What happened? The answer is simple. They lied to land a job with lifetime tenure. If Kavanaugh and Gorsuch had been under oath, it would be perjury.

But they were not, and it isn't. Instead what we the people are left with is a coterie of liars occupying the highest court of the land who respect nothing so much as the sanctity of their own opinions.

Therefore, it would be foolish to accept that interracial marriage is settled law. The possibility of a challenge to Loving v. Virginia, a 1967 decision that legalized interracial marriage and is celebrated on Loving Day (June 12), should be taken seriously.

In March, Republican Sen. Mike Braun, of Indiana, said states should have the right to ban interracial marriage. Braun later attempted to tiptoe away from the issue, saying he was against racism in any form. Notably, he did not say he was in favor of Americans marrying whomever they damn well please. The senator said he "misunderstood" the question.

Let's not have any misunderstanding about where we are in this radical and reductive stage of Americanism. Like the Supreme Court itself, your rights will not be expanding. Indeed, every right you believe you possess without limit is now under judicial scrutiny and subject to revision.

The Pew Research Center found that about 1 in 5 newlyweds married someone of a different race or ethnicity in 2019. Black and white couples made up 11% of interracial/interethnic marriages, while Hispanic and white couples constituted the largest share at over 40%, according to U.S. Census data that tracked interracial marriages from 2000 to 2016.

In the 2020 Census, respondents who identified as multiracial increased 127% in 10 years, reflecting to some degree the rising number of diverse marriages and the children they produce.

The growing numbers may indeed be the problem for many who would seek to ban such unions. But one number in particular is cited in the court's draft opinion. Fourteen. As in the 14th Amendment, which has been the foundational basis for the right to abortion as well as the right to interracial marriage, the right to contraception, the right to consensual sex and the right to same-sex marriage.

Many legal experts see the presumptive court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade as opening the door to future legal challenges of these rights. Particularly at risk are those rights not "deeply rooted in this nation's history and tradition," as noted in Alito's draft opinion.

Interracial "sex" is certainly rooted in American history—did Sally Hemings, enslaved and impregnated by Thomas Jefferson, have her choice of lovers? Marriage, not so much. In 2021, Gallup found 94% of Americans approved of Black and white people marrying, with both white and nonwhite respondents reporting similar rates of approval. The polling company began asking the question in 1958, when just 4% approved.

How much tradition is that? Enough it would seem, if this court intended to uphold the will of the people. There is no evidence it does. A majority of Americans also want abortion to remain legal.

But this activist, right-wing court appears to desire acting against the people's majority and any established laws. It cares little for precedent and, I'd be willing to bet, even less for your right to marry whomever you love. Perhaps Clarence Thomas, who is in an interracial marriage, would oppose his conservative cohort. After all it seems he would betray any principle for Ginny.

I just hope they get on with it. Our 30th anniversary is around the corner, and we have big plans for renewing our vows. We'd rather not do it from prison, but those fines can add up quickly.

MOTHER

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was suddenly pregnant but I didn't want to have a baby, is there something I could do about it?"

I gave her kitchen sink wisdom that day, without going into detail but assuring her that nobody could make her do something with her body that she didn't want to do. And then I donated to Planned Parenthood to make sure.

But I was wrong. The Supreme Court is ready to cavalierly eliminate a constitutional right to abortion, and possibly to same-sex marriage, even contraception. This country is dangerously tipping back to a time my mother vividly remembers — because nothing burns hotter in the body than shame.

When I think about all the futures my daughter might soon be denied, I want to tear everything apart. So I will keep fighting. This time I bet my mom will join me.

And if she asks, "Who taught you to be like this?" I'll tell her: "You did."

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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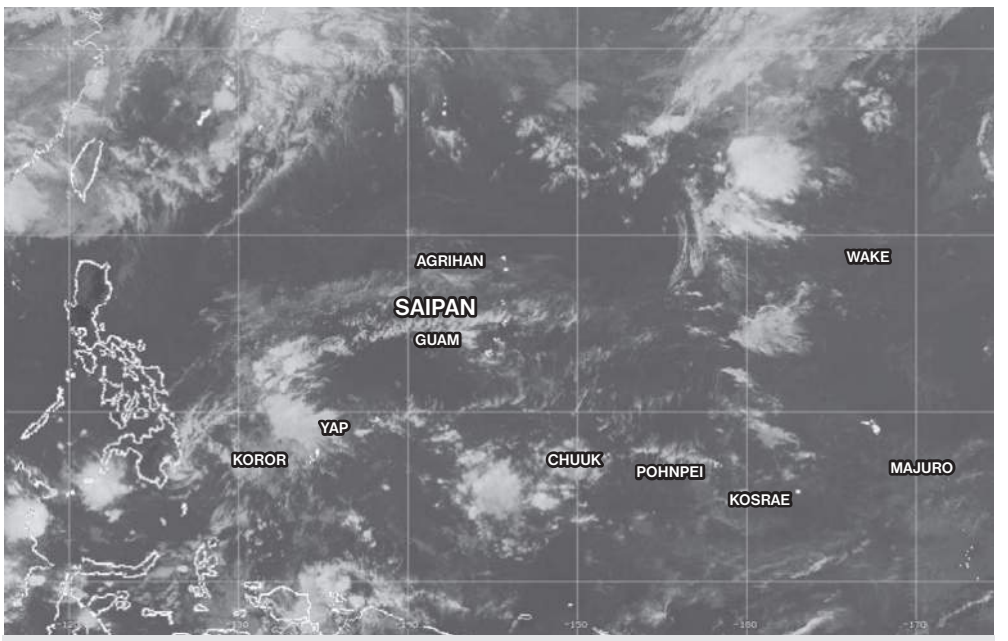

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak trade-wind disturbance and associated showers continues to push through the Marianas with satellite and radar showing showers gradually decreasing over Rota Waters. Drier trades are seen farther to the east. Buoys and altimetry data show seas of 4-6 ft across the region.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	29 / 25 °F
Kosrae	Scattered Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	28 / 26 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	05:49 AM	18:37 PM
Saturday	05:48 AM	18:38 PM
Sunday	05:48 AM	18:38 PM
Monday	05:48 AM	18:38 PM
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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	03:24 PM	15:49 PM
Saturday	-	04:03 PM	16:45 PM
Sunday	-	04:46 PM	17:44 PM
Monday	-	5:32 PM	18:47 PM
Tuesday	-	06:25 PM	19:54 PM

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Auckland	Partly Cloudy	18 / 10 °F
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Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	28 / 22 °F
London	Partly Cloudy	22 / 9 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	29 / 15 °F
Manila	PM Thunderstorms	35 / 27 °F
Melbourne	AM Light Rain	18 / 15 °F
Miami	Partly Cloudy	28 / 23 °F
New York	AM Showers	19 / 16 °F
Osaka	Rain	21 / 19 °F
Paris	Sunny	23 / 11 °F
Busan	Showers	20 / 15 °F
Rome	Sunny	27 / 13 °F
Salem	Partly Cloudy	26 / 16 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	19 / 11 °F
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	26 / 10 °F
Tokyo	Rain	22 / 19 °F
Washington, DC	Scattered Thunderstorms	22 / 17 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
05:19 AM	High Tide	2.01
11:51 AM	Low Tide	0.58
5:51 PM	High Tide	1.78
11:41 PM	Low Tide	0.75

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	6:35AM	7:15AM	1, 3, 6
UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	2, 4, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	6:35AM	9:10PM	1, 3, 6 via Guam
UA117/193	6:35AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	2, 4, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	4, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX622	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:00AM	5:45AM	1, 3, 6
UA116	8:00AM	8:45AM	5, 7
UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	2, 4

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:35PM	4:35AM+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA184	10:25PM	4:20AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:05AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/116	10:25PM	5:45AM+1	2, 5, 7 via Guam
UA184/116	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 3 via Guam
UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	4, 6 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

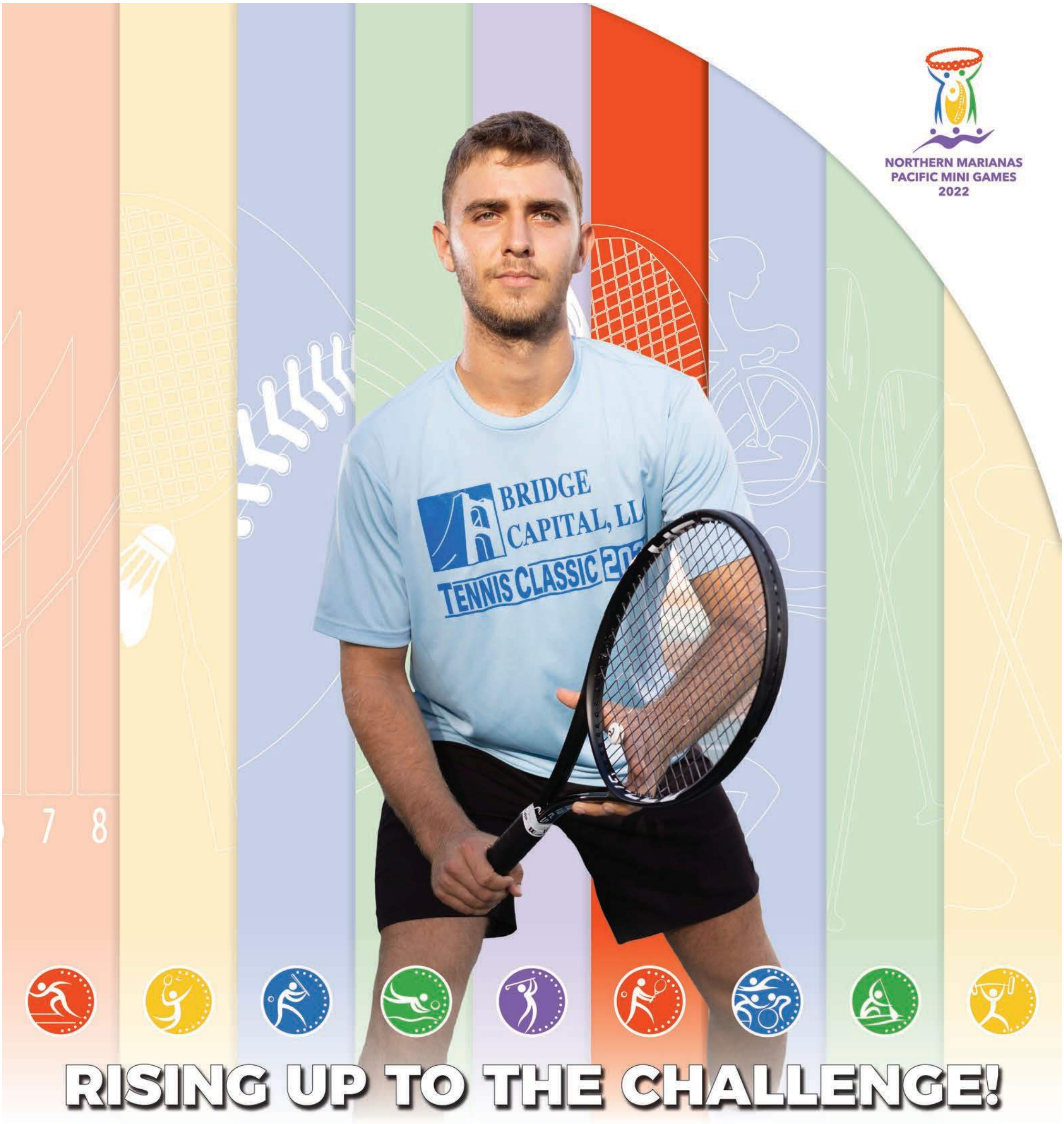
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
CUC-RAESP-22-024
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed Architectural & Engineering Services Proposal from qualified firms to update the 2016 CUC Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which identified a long-range plan for the most cost-effective mix of energy resources, both supply-side and demand-side management (DSM) and included a review of commercially available base load and renewable energy alternatives. The updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will include optimizing this power supply portfolio to minimize costs while maximizing sustainability and resiliency while including the lasted in renewable, DSM, and operating technologies.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for the project award from Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) and HUD.

The RAESP package may be obtained via email between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $300.00 for one RFP package set. **To register for the RAESP, please contact Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.**

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal; and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RAESP-22-024, Integrated Resource Plan"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 24, 2022.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RAESP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This RAESP does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 10, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Procurement Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Anne Crocket, CUC Power Division Chief Engineer via email address anne.crocket@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-22-014
SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE II
(ROYAL PALM AVENUE AND GINGER AVENUE – GARAPAN)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main Replacement Phase II (Royal Palm Avenue and Ginger Avenue – Garapan) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of but not limited to the installation of gravity sewer main, new sewer manholes, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the abandonment of existing sewerline, removal and disposal of existing sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-22-014, Sewer Main Replacement Phase II (Royal Palm Avenue and Ginger Avenue – Garapan)**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 1, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding if the bid requirements in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one Hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC's Acting Chief Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Dennis Formalejo, CUC's Engineer via email at dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC's Senior Administrative Technician via email address at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-22-026
LEASE OF OFFICE/WAREHOUSE SPACE FOR CUC POWER DIVISION TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION SECTION, SAIPAN CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office & warehouse spaces for CUC Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (5) hard copies of your submission must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-22-026, Lease of Office/Warehouse Space for CUC Power Division Transmission and Distribution Section, Saipan, CNMI"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 20, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. The proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 5, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC, Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Lee Lieto, CUC, Power Division Manager via email address lee.lieto@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 2022 Second General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at Aqua Resort - Taga Room from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda of May 25, 2022
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes of the Statewide Independent Living Council first general membership meeting of December 20, 2021
V. Reports
- **a. SILC Chairperson**
- **b. CLI Executive Director**
- **c. OVR Executive Director**

VI. Old Business
- **a. Membership Attendance**
- **b. SILC Orientation & Training**

VII. New Business
- **a. FY 22 State Plan Independent Living Implementation Report Update**
- **b. Membership Listing**

VIII. Action items
- **a. Election for Vice Chairperson**

IX. Announcements/Miscellaneous
X. Next general membership meeting:
XI. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters are asked to call Mr. Samuel Santos (OVR Transition Specialist) at 322-6537(voice) or email samuel@ovrgov.net for necessary arrangements no later than Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

/s/ **CONSOLACION ATALIG**
SILC Chairperson

Publication of this notice is paid for by federal funds made possible by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Title VI-B Independent Living Services, ACL Grant.

Thank You

SI YU'US MA'ASE & GHILISOW REEMI!

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence extends our deepest appreciation to all those who are courageous, those who stand with us, and those who continue to speak out against sexual assault during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and beyond. We commend your bravery and we will continue to come together on behalf of victims and survivors to promote healing and justice, and to create a safe CNMI. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the 2022 SAAM Committee members, partners, and volunteers for their commitment, vision, enthusiasm, and creativity that helped create an empowering and successful campaign.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres
Ariana Deleon Guerrero
Benylin Mettao
Chailang Palacios
Chariza Terlaje
Cherlyn Cabrera Osung
Christine Quitugua
CNMI Public School System - Head Start Program - Saipan
Congressman Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan
Cornerstone Christian Church
Dixie Camacho
Dr. Bobby Cruz
Elfriede Suda
Eulalia V. Arriola
Father Michael Linden
Frank Lee Borja
Fred Sato
Grace Christian Assembly - South
Greg Borja
Gwen Iguel
Hanum Lina'la Assembly - Tanapag
Hon. Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio
Jane Mack
Janice Muna
Jenny Sablan
Jocelyn Castro
Johnson Atalig
Julian Camacho
Kennedy Benjamin
Kimberlyn King-Hinds
Laura Kyonka
Marge Mendiola
Mariah Barcinas
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Melanie Rdiall
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Monissa Blas
Neda Deleon Guerrero
Nolana Pangelinan
Pastor Alain Nunez
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TINIAN

22nd Tinian Legislative Delegation
Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguigan
Mayor Edwin P. Aldan
Tinian Municipal Council
Agnes Borja
Community Guidance Center
Department of Public Safety - Tinian
Jovita Paulino
Keith Nabors
Lillian Cepeda
Maria Barbara Borja
Melissa Sanchez
Mrs. Mayor Rosita K. Aldan
Rosita Palacios
Susan Haleyalgiy-San Nicolas
Tasha Cruz
Tinian International Women's Association
Tinian Junior Senior High School - Basketball Team
Vanessa Manglona

ROTA

Office of the Mayor of Rota
Mayor Efraim M. Atalig
Rota Municipal Council
Antonio C. Atalig Public Library
Bergitt Maratita
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation - Community Guidance Center
CHCC-CGC Behavioral Health
CHCC-CGC Crisis Counseling Program
CHCC-CGC Systems of Care
Congressman Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan
CNMI Public School System
PSS - Head Start Program
PSS - Office of Pupil Transportation
PSS - Project Haligi' Aware
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs - Rota
DCCA - Administrative Office
DCCA - Child Care Licensing Program
DCCA - Division of Youth Services - Rota
DCCA - Nutrition Assistance Program
DCCA - Office on Aging
DCCA - Sports Division
Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services - Rota
Department of Public Safety - Rota
Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School
DRHIJSHS AmeriCorps
H.O.M.E. Program
Northern Marianas College
Rota Health Center
Sinapalo Elementary School
Team Alibiu

PROJECT PROM

Alexis Cabrera
DCCA - Division of Youth Services - Rota
Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School
Eloise Lopez
Eulalia V. Arriola
Jill Arenovski
Julie Enriquez
Martha Camacho
Northern Marianas College
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NMC - Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service
NMC - Office of Student Activities & Leadership
Pena House Boutique & Salon
Taylor Ada
Team Alibiu

PARTNERS

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation - Community Guidance Center
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CNMI Judiciary - Family Court Division
CNMI Public School System
PSS - Mental Health Services
PSS - Project Haligi' Aware
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs
DCCA Division of Youth Services
DCCA Office of Youth Affairs
Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services
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Diocese of Chalan Kanoa
Karidat Social Services
Micronesian Legal Services Corporation
Northern Marianas College
Northern Marianas Protection Advocacy Systems, Inc.
Office of Adult Probation
Office of the Attorney General
Substance Abuse & Addiction Rehabilitation Program

NMTech to launch today new and improved website

Today, Friday, May 13, is the inaugural launch of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute's new and improved website, www.nmtechcnmi.org, powered by TurnKey Solutions.

"We are proud to announce the launch of our new website," said NMTech chief executive officer Jodina Attao. "All community members are welcome and encouraged to visit us online or in person at our campus!"

With the new and improved website, NMTech will now have "a more robust online presence to assist students with online applications, registration and available scholarship information, detailed descriptions on the suite of services we are able to offer, and frequently asked questions," said Attao about the website.

NMTech is a postsecondary educational institute that is responsible for providing advanced career, vocational, technical and trades programs that lead to endorsed certifications in the fields of Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism; and nationally recognized certifications from the National Center for Construction Education and Research for construction-specific programs.

The school's skills-building educational platform is highly responsive to the needs of employment opportunities in entry level occupations in that certifications can be achieved at an accelerated rate through modular curricula.

"As our efforts increase in partnering with various trades industries, we are happy to also announce programs coming soon [such as] U.S. Coast Guard-certified maritime courses, Cosmetology, Baking and Pastry, Solar Power Generation, and Food Safety Management. When planning and coordination is complete, course information will be integrated into our new website," added Attao. ***(Leigh Gases)***

Child care providers participate in health and safety training

Eight participants from three childcare centers on Saipan welcomed the month of May with another set of health and safety training sessions last May 7 at the Evergreen Learning training center in Chalan Kanoa.

Conducted by Evergreen Learning quality care specialist Maricar I. Pena, the two training sessions—each one lasting two hours—were on precaution in transporting children and building and physical premises safety.

During the morning session, participants discussed the rationale for learning about safe transportation of children, identified hazards in and around vehicles, and determined ways to protect children from risk and injury from those hazards. Participants also learned how to choose the best safety seat for children.

For the afternoon session, participants reflected on childhood injury experiences, explored the need to learn about injuries and hazards in the childcare setting, outlined standard requirements for ensuring building and physical premises safety, discussed safety equipment, recalled requirements in compliance with fire prevention codes, and identified hazards in and around the premises, including the playground.

The Child Care Reauthorization Act of 2014 requires that all CCDF providers must complete preservice training requirements in 12 topics areas before they can be left alone to work with young children. The May 7 training sessions meet these requirements. ***(PR)***

MHS Glee Club spring concert this Sunday

Marianas High School's glee club, Rhythm 'N Harmony, will be presenting its two-show spring concert this Sunday, May 15, for afternoon and evening of enjoyable music entertainment.

The program's two performances will start at 3pm and 7pm. Both shows will be performed at Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club.

The production is student-directed by Sommer Gomes and Mylan Goodwin, and produced by Friends of the Arts president Harold Easton.

The MHS Glee Club was formed at Marianas High School in 2010 as a 16-member competition group. It was later renamed "Rhythm 'N Harmony" and has brought great honor to the CNMI by their outstanding performances at the annual International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska, and at the regional Tumon Bay Music Festival.

Tickets will be sold at the door. The entrance fee will be $4 for all students up through college, and $8 for adults.

"This will definitely be a show to close out the spring season and start off the summer. Come, sit back, listen, and enjoy the music of Rhythm 'N Harmony," said an FOA news release yesterday. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ARFF RAPID REFILL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-93**, OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, ARFF Rapid Refill Improvements Project, AIP No. 3-69-0002-93"* and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing, as well as wear a face mask at all times while at the airport.

The Project, in general, consists of, construction of two new pre-stressed concrete tanks at 250,000 gallons each with a new triplex booster pump, removal and replacement of overhead refilling pipes, installation of two new fire hydrants, associated plumbing work, and all other associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY U.S. DOLLARS ($250.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic format (DVD). The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022**, at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow the pre-bid conference. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing, as well as wear a face mask at all times while at the airport.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications. It is the contractor's responsibility to inform CPA as soon as possible if there is a problem accessing the information on the DVD. Contractor's are to verify all information provided using the table of contents for the specifications and the plan that shows the index of drawings.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Four Hundred Twenty (420) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS ($1,000.00)** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-28 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: April 19, 2022

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

AVAILABILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND (HAF) PROGRAM

March 31, 2022

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) announces the availability of the Homeowner Assistance Fund Program made possible through the US Department of Treasury. The CNMI was allocated a total amount of ***$4,158,268*** in HAF funds, of which approximately 10% or $400,000 will be used for administrative expenses and approximately 90% or $3,758,268, will be used for the following types of assistance for CNMI ***homeowners:***

1) Mortgage delinquency assistance- an eligible homeowner may qualify for assistance of up to $25,400 (not to exceed a period of 12 months) to be used for homeowner's primary residence
2) Mortgage payment assistance- an eligible homeowner may qualify for assistance of up to $20,400 (not to exceed a period of 12 months) to be used for homeowner's primary residence
3) Past due and/or annual home-related insurance premiums- an eligible homeowner may qualify for assistance of up to $1,716 (not to exceed a period of 12 months) to be used for homeowner's primary residence
4) Utilities/Broadband Assistance:
   a. Each Homeowner will be eligible for up to $6,000 (not to exceed a period of 12 months) through this program with respect to the applicant's primary residence (to address delinquencies in utility payments)
   b. Each Homeowner will be eligible for up to $1,500 (not to exceed a period of 90 days) through this program with respect to the applicant's primary residence (to assist with future utility payments)
   c. Each Homeowner will be eligible for up to $600 (not to exceed a period of 12 months) through this program with respect to the applicant's primary residence (to address delinquency in broadband service payments)
   d. Each Homeowner will be eligible for up to $150 (not to exceed a period of 90 days) through this program with respect to the applicant's primary residence (to assist with future broadband service payments

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Homeowners:
- Must be a resident of the CNMI
- Must meet the income limit: less than or equal to 150% area median income or less than the median income of the United States, whichever is greater (See income limits below)
- Must show proof of experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020, including a hardship that begun before January 21, 2020 but continued after that date
- Must show proof of mortgage delinquency (must be at least month delinquent) (for mortgage delinquency assistance)
- For those seeking insurance arrears assistance: Must show proof of insurance arrears (must be at least one month in arrears)
- Homeowner is at least one installment payment in arrears on one or more of the following: utilities, such as electric, gas, home energy, and water OR internet service, including broadband internet access service
- Statement of current inability to resume mortgage payments due to unemployment, underemployment or other continuing hardship
- Statement of current ability to resume any required regular payments after account is reinstated (OR) Ability to resume any required regular payments

Income Limits

FY 2021 HAF Income Limits Summary for Northern Mariana Islands								
	1-Person	2-Person	3-Person	4-Person	5-Person	6-Person	7-Person	8-Person
Greater of 100% AMI or 100% U.S. Median Income	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900
Greater of 150% AMI or 100% of U.S. Median Income	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$79,900	$85,050	$90,500

The pre-application for the HAF Program will be available, starting Thursday, March 31, 2022, at the NMHC Main Office in Garapan, Saipan and the Tinian and Rota Field Offices. The pre-application will also be available online on NMHC's website, www.nmhcgov.net (Public Notice/Announcements->Homeowner Assistance Fund Plan). Those who are interested in reviewing the HAF Plan and details of the program's terms can also visit the NMHC website. The application process will be ongoing until a notice is issued by NMHC and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Applications will only be accepted at the NMHC main and field offices. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director at (670) 234-6866

/s/
Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"

CNMI delegation takes part in EPA-hosted Zero Waste Training

A CNMI delegation composed of several government agency heads, their teams, and elected officials were in San Francisco, California, from May 2 to 5 to attend a Zero Waste Training facilitated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9.

Making up the CNMI delegation were representatives from the Office of Planning and Development, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, the Universal Garbage Collection Task Force, the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, the Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands, and other elected officials.

As defined by the Zero Waste International Alliance, Zero Waste is the conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse, and recovery of products, packaging and materials without burning and with no discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.

For the CNMI delegation, the invaluable training was a means of giving first-hand experience to what is possible after several decades of work toward achieving Zero Waste in California.

Additionally, the training brought focus to the importance of synergy in the community to make achieving Zero Waste as effective as possible. From the households that separate their waste prior to it being collected, to the lawmakers that create and support policies that support Zero Waste efforts, and to Zero Waste practices being integrated in the creation and operation of built infrastructure, achieving Zero Waste requires effort and collaboration from the individual to the organizational level.

Throughout the week, the delegation was given first-hand examples of the Bay Area's efforts toward achieving Zero Waste through presentations by local organizations and EPA Region 9; a walking tour in downtown San Francisco to learn more about the city's sustainable built infrastructure; and touring various recycling, composting, and repurposing facilities in the Bay Area.

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The CNMI delegation composed of several government agency heads, their teams, and elected officials attend classroom-style training sessions at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 office during Days 1 and 2 of the Zero Waste Training in San Francisco, California.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

StopWaste program manager Angelina Vergara presents to the CNMI delegation during Day 1 of the Zero Waste training facilitated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region.

Of note was a guest presentation by Angelina Vergara, a program manager for StopWaste, a public agency that aims to reduce waste at homes, at work, and at schools in Alameda County in California.

Vergara shared with the CNMI delegation that she has personal ties to the CNMI, and that she has previously connected with Tanapag Middle School principal Hilda Rios to discuss school and community outreach activities.

In Vergara's presentation, one program that resonated with the CNMI delegation was StopWaste's field trips to transfer stations, where 4th graders become "garbologists" and get hands-on experience with what happens to their waste and where it goes. After her presentation, the topic of authentically engaging with the youth was discussed at length among the CNMI delegation and EPA.

As a result of these guest presentations, important discussions on other topics—such as the need to improve enforcement practices and ensuring that materials bans are implemented with alternative plans—also took place.

As for the site visits, some notable facilities included Marin Sanitary Services in northern San Francisco, which offers Dual Sort Recycling as one of its many other solid waste services for its residential and commercial customers. As part of Dual Sort Recycling, Marin Sanitary Services has partitioned, two-in-one recycling bins and specially designed garbage trucks that separate recycled bottles, cans, and containers from paper products.

Another noteworthy site visit was to Napa Recycling & Composting Facility in the Napa Valley area, which uses state-of-the-art technology at both its recycling and composting sites.

For recycling, the facility uses artificial intelligence and robotics to identify and separate recyclables from non-recyclables. For composting, the Napa facility uses an energy-efficient aeration system that controls odors coming off from large compost piles and keeps internal oxygen and temperature levels of these compost piles at optimal levels. With the aeration system, the facility can produce and maintain large amounts of high-quality compost while also keeping odors down for the surrounding area.

Now with more insight on Zero Waste and with stronger ties between local and federal partners, the CNMI delegation continues with ongoing Zero Waste-related work in the CNMI. Currently, the CNMI is in the final development and permitting stages for a composting site on Tinian and Rota, and for two more citizen convenience centers on Saipan.

The Zero Waste Training is relevant to Sustainable Development Goals No. 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, and No. 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

Under SDG No. 12, which is found in the CNMI's Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan, goals for the CNMI include developing an integrated solid waste management plan by 2025 and diverting at least 50% of the CNMI's recyclable waste away from landfills.

While much still needs to be done in the CNMI to achieve Zero Waste, unified capacity building and visioning opportunities such as the training in San Francisco lay the groundwork for what is to come.

In the context of SDG No. 17, the Zero Waste Training served to keep CNMI efforts unified and helped with strengthening existing and establishing new working relationships.

The SDGs are discussed in detail in the CSDP found here https://opd.gov.mp/assets/2021-2030_cnmi_csdp.pdf

Those seeking to learn more about ongoing projects and other current events can visit the OPD website at opd.gov.mp and can email planning@opd.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

Recycling coordinator for Marin Sanitary Service Carlos Hernandez walks the CNMI delegation through how the facility processes the plastic and aluminum items it receives. Behind and beside Hernandez are bales of plastic and aluminum. CNMI OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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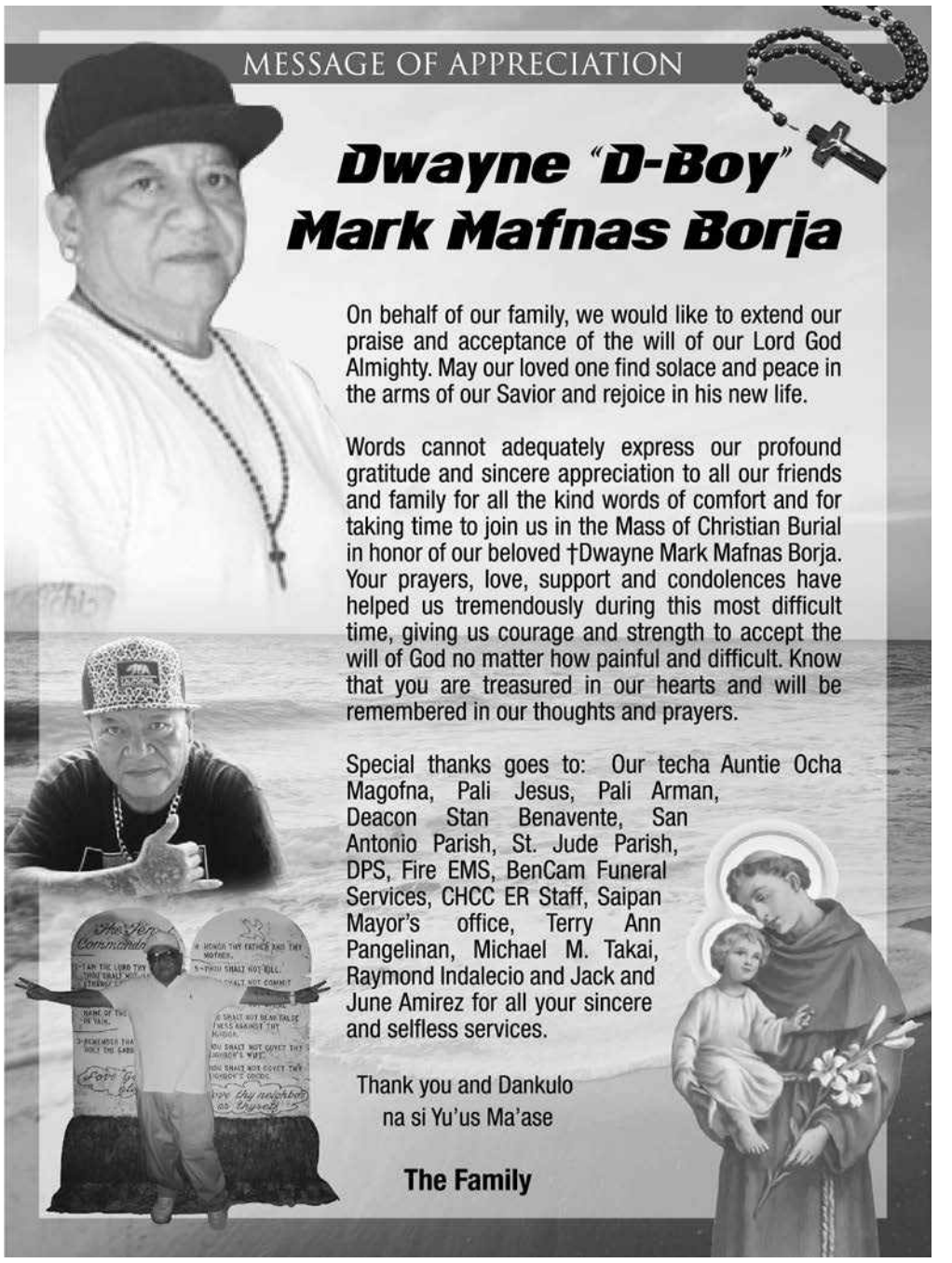
Members of the CNMI delegation take a group photo at Salesforce Park during Day 2 of the CNMI Zero Waste Training in San Francisco, California. Also in photo is Green Building Tours tour guide Candice Kollar and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Zero Waste & Green Building coordinator Timonie Hood.


MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION
Dwayne "D-Boy"
Mark Mafnas Borja
On behalf of our family, we would like to extend our praise and acceptance of the will of our Lord God Almighty. May our loved one find solace and peace in the arms of our Savior and rejoice in his new life.
Words cannot adequately express our profound gratitude and sincere appreciation to all our friends and family for all the kind words of comfort and for taking time to join us in the Mass of Christian Burial in honor of our beloved †Dwayne Mark Mafnas Borja. Your prayers, love, support and condolences have helped us tremendously during this most difficult time, giving us courage and strength to accept the will of God no matter how painful and difficult. Know that you are treasured in our hearts and will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.
Special thanks goes to: Our techa Auntie Ocha Magofna, Pali Jesus, Pali Arman, Deacon Stan Benavente, San Antonio Parish, St. Jude Parish, DPS, Fire EMS, BenCam Funeral Services, CHCC ER Staff, Saipan Mayor's office, Terry Ann Pangelinan, Michael M. Takai, Raymond Indalecio and Jack and June Amirez for all your sincere and selfless services.
Thank you and Dankulo
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The Family

Off The Wall

Maine close to getting rid of license plates of obscenities

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—The rackin' frackin' sassafrassin' salty language on hundreds of Maine license plates is one step closer to being removed from the road.

Maine's secretary of state released draft rules Thursday that would eliminate references to genitalia, sex acts and profanities that proliferated after the state severely loosened language restrictions on so-called vanity license plates in 2015.

The rough and foul language on the plates led to a steady stream of complaints.

It was all too much even for a secretary of state who previously served as director of American Civil Liberties Union of Maine, which has fought for First Amendment rights to freedom of expression.

"Incitement to violence, profanity, ethnic, racial, religious, or other slurs, or reference to illegal or criminal activity – all of which unfortunately can be seen on Maine registration plates today – are all directly contrary to the public interest," Secretary of State Shenna Bellows said in a statement.

It has been a delicate balancing act.

A federal judge ruled in 2020 that California couldn't enforce a ban on vanity license plates it considers "offensive to good taste and decency."

So Maine's rules had to be narrowly tailored.

The draft rules would prohibit license plates that falsely suggest an association with a government agency; encourage violence or unlawful activities; attack race or religion; suggest genitalia or sex acts; or represent profane or obscene language. A public hearing is scheduled later this month.

There would be a mechanism for a motorist to appeal if a vanity plate was rejected because of objectionable language.

Things quickly got out of control when the state all but dropped its review process in 2015 after previously banning "obscene, contemptuous, profane or prejudicial" messages on license plates.

Swiss find cocaine stash amid coffee bean bags

This image released by Fribourg cantonal police on Friday, May 6, 2022 shows cocaine seized in the Swiss town of Romont last Monday. AP

GENEVA (AP)—Swiss police say an investigation is underway after workers at a Nespresso warehouse in western Switzerland found 500 kilograms (over 1,100 pounds) of cocaine, with a street value of $50 million, as they unloaded coffee beans that had arrived by train.

Regional police in Fribourg said late Thursday they were alerted Monday by the company to the discovery at the facility in the town of Romont and immediately set up a "broad security perimeter" around it with a large deployment of officers. Customs and border control agents were called in.

Early indications were that the shipment turned up in five containers that had arrived by sea from Brazil before being transferred onto a train, authorities said.

"The cocaine seized has an 80% degree of purity and its market value is estimated at more than 50 million francs," the police said, adding that the stash appeared "destined for the European market."

On Friday, the European Union's law enforcement agency Europol and the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction reported that cocaine availability in Europe "is probably at an all-time high."

Switzerland is not an EU member but is part of the Schengen zone that allows for visa-free travel among many European countries.

The monitoring center said it estimates the EU cocaine retail market was worth at least 10.5 billion euros ($11.1 billion) in 2020, while cautioning that the figure was likely to underestimate the true size of the market.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

German firefighters 'free' high-school exam from locked safe

BERLIN (AP)—Firefighters in the western German town of Bocholt received an unusual distress call Friday from a local high school after teachers were unable to open a safe containing the questions for a final-year exam that students were due to take. Firefighters raced to the scene to find that the lock had jammed and set about sawing open the safe, the Bocholt fire department said. "That way the students were able to sit their exam with about an hour's delay," it said. While teachers cheered the firefighters for saving the day, the reaction from students was mixed.

Man charged for opening door, walking on wing as jet taxis

CHICAGO (AP)—A man opened an emergency exit of a United Airlines jet, walked onto a wing as the plane taxied at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and jumped onto the tarmac early Thursday, police said. Chicago Police said the passenger on Flight 2478 was arrested and taken into custody. The 57-year-old Escondido, California, man was charged with reckless conduct. Police said the incident happened at about 4:31 a.m. when the jet was approaching the gate at Terminal 1. Police said when the man jumped onto the tarmac, he attempted to guide the aircraft to the gate. United said members of its crew stopped the passenger outside the plane, which taxied to an airport gate to let other passengers exit.

Cheers! Munich to stage 1st Oktoberfest after 2-year hiatus

BERLIN (AP)—The annual Oktoberfest festival is on again for this fall, the city of Munich said Friday, following a two-year pause due to the coronavirus pandemic. Dieter Reiter, the mayor of the Bavarian capital, said the popular beer festival will be held without restrictions from Sept. 17 to Oct. 3 - Germany's national day. The Oktoberfest, first held in 1810 in honor of the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria to Princess Therese, has been canceled dozens of times during its more than 200-year history due to wars and pandemics. The announcement was welcomed by the Bavarian hotel and restaurant association.

Science & Technology

Apple discontinues iPod

By MARK GURMAN
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Apple Inc.'s iPod, a groundbreaking device that upended the music and electronics industries more than two decades ago, is no more.

The company announced Tuesday that it would discontinue the iPod Touch, the last remnant of a product line that first went on sale in October 2001. The touch-screen model, which launched in 2007, will remain on sale until supplies run out.

Apple released dozens of versions of the iPod over the years, but the product was gradually eclipsed by its other devices, especially the iPhone. That led the company to begin phasing out models in 2014. At the time, the company stopped making the iPod classic, a version with a click wheel and small screen that was most similar to the original version. In 2017, Apple stopped making its smallest music players, the iPod Nano and iPod Shuffle.

The iPod Touch—popular as a cheaper alternative to the iPhone—held on a few more years. The device was last updated in 2019 and cost $199. Compare that with the cheapest iPhone in Apple's portfolio: the SE, which costs $429.

But with so many other ways to get music, Apple no longer sees the product as necessary.

"We've integrated an incredible music experience across all of our products, from the iPhone to the Apple Watch to HomePod mini, and across Mac, iPad and Apple TV," said Greg Joswiak, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide marketing.

Introduced by Steve Jobs, the iPod was credited with helping to turn Apple from a nearly bankrupt company to an eventual $3 trillion behemoth. The iPod set the stage for the development of the iPhone, iPad and AirPods—products that now make up most of Apple's revenue.

Meta opens first physical store

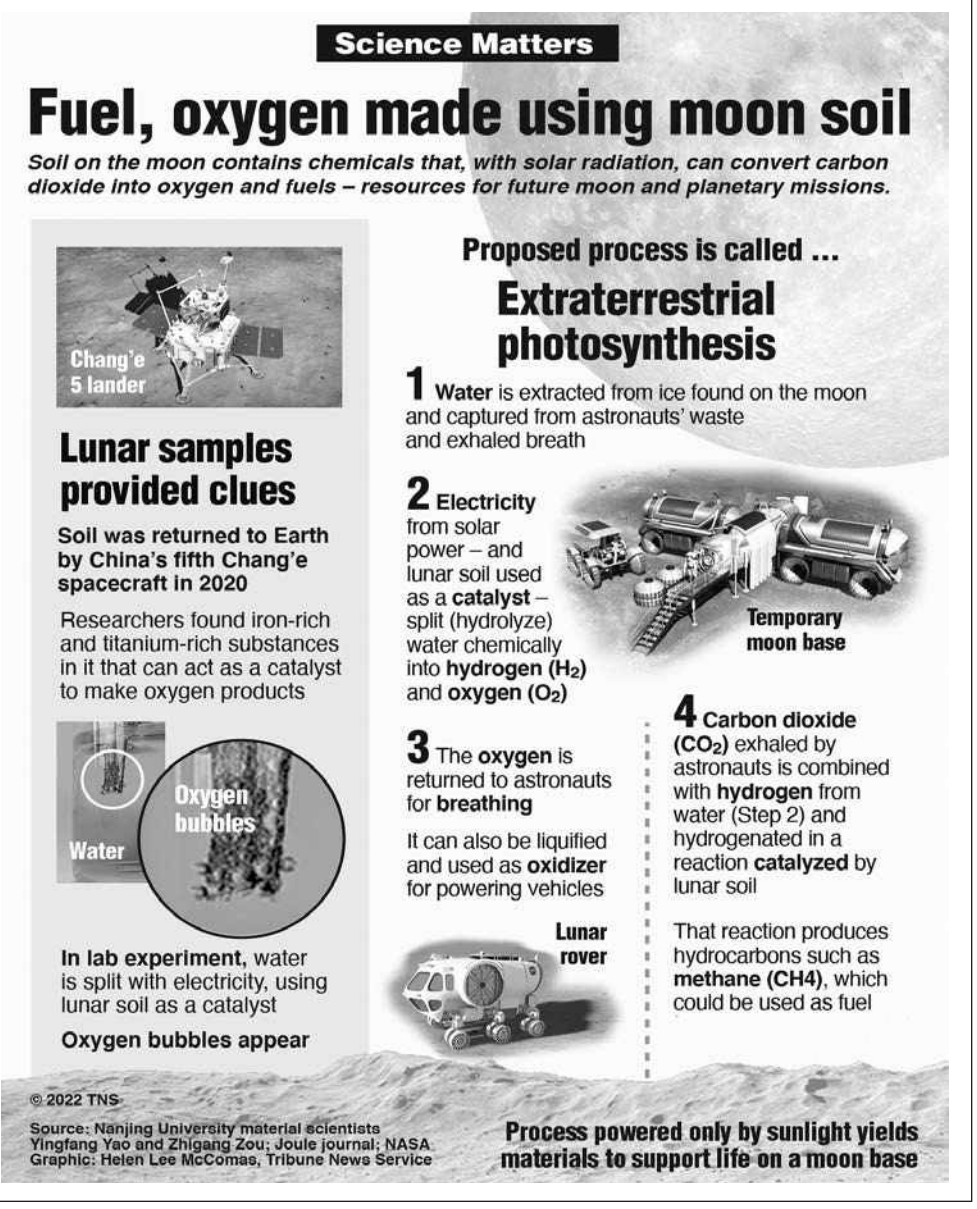
BURLINGAME, Calif. (AP)—Facebook parent Meta has opened its first physical store—in Burlingame, California—to showcase its hardware products like virtual and augmented reality goggles and glasses.

The store, which is open to the public as of Monday, is made for people who want to test out products like Ray-Ban Stories, Meta's smart glasses and sunglasses, along with the Portal video calling gadget and Meta Quest 2 virtual reality headsets.

Shoppers still have to order the glasses from Ray-Ban but can buy the other products at the store.

"It's a very concrete step from moving away from social media and ads that mislead people and elections and spying and data and all those things to a very physical representation of clean, classy, well-designed, cool hardware that makes you go, ah," said Omar Akhtar, research director at Altimeter, a technology investment firm.

Akhtar said he "didn't believe in virtual reality" until he sat and tried on the Quest 2 headset for the first time—and believes this will be the same for others who are able to put on the goggles and try it out. Apple pioneered physical retail stores in Silicon Valley and Meta, which owns Instagram and Facebook, is likely hoping it'll replicate at least some of that success.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Chang'e 5 lander
Lunar samples provided clues
Soil was returned to Earth by China's fifth Chang'e spacecraft in 2020
Researchers found iron-rich and titanium-rich substances in it that can act as a catalyst to make oxygen products
Water
Oxygen bubbles
In lab experiment, water is split with electricity, using lunar soil as a catalyst
Oxygen bubbles appear
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Extraterrestrial photosynthesis
1 Water is extracted from ice found on the moon and captured from astronauts' waste and exhaled breath
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Temporary moon base
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Process powered only by sunlight yields materials to support life on a moon base

Life & Style

Surprise! Justin Timberlake is in 'Candy' with Jessica Biel

NEW YORK (AP)—Viewers tuning in to Thursday's episode of "Candy," starring Jessica Biel, may recognize a familiar face: Biel's husband Justin Timberlake.

The musician and actor portrays a deputy who investigates the murder the show is centered around.

Biel, a co-executive producer on the project, says Timberlake first approached her producing partner, Michelle Purple, about wanting to be involved.

"They sort of had this whole plan. I didn't even know about at first. And then I thought he was kidding. And then he said, 'No, for real, I want to do this.' And then it was off to the races. He was getting a wig fitting, it was so fun and was such a good surprise."

Biel admits to being worried at first about whether their dynamic would "translate at work" but that quickly went away.

"I actually felt total peace when he was around. Like, I knew he was going to hold that sort of safe space for me to work in the way I needed to and be non-judgmental and open and free. And he gave me the freedom to improvise, which he's so good at and I'm less comfortable with."

In "Candy," Biel plays Candy Montgomery, a young, outgoing, church-going wife and mother in Texas who voraciously reads romance novels. She seems to have it all — but is bored — so she begins an affair with a man from her town (played by Pablo Schreiber) and ends up killing his wife, Betty, with an ax. Montgomery pleaded not guilty to the crime and a jury sided with her, some even saying they never liked Betty.

The story is based on a real case from 1980 and is of interest in Hollywood at the moment. Elizabeth Olsen recently wrapped filming her own limited series version called "Love and Death," in which she plays Candy.

Melanie Lynskey, who plays Betty, hopes the story will lead to compassion for the victim, and that people will see how the trial was a popularity contest.

"As somebody who has had a hard time fitting in for a lot of my life since I was a little girl, I really, really responded to that and just how deeply unfair it was," she said.

Timberlake isn't the only surprise casting in the show: Lynskey's husband, Jason Ritter, plays Timberlake's partner. A memorable moment is when the two recreate the crime as part of their investigation.

Biel credits "Candy" co-creator and showrunner Robin Veith for "the idea to have Jason as well and have these two be partners in crime. It tickled us," said Biel.

Biel wears a wig with short, curly brown hair in the series which gotten a lot of attention. She jokes that it's a similar hairstyle to one her husband had in the late 90s with his boy band NSYNC.

"He definitely had that hairstyle," said Biel. I always ask, "Please grow those beautiful curls back out. I love that curly hair. I know. It's so weird. We were laughing about that."

Unauthorized video of Jesse Williams onstage prompts outrage

AP

This image released by Polk & Co. shows Jesse Williams, center, during a performance of the Broadway revival of the baseball-themed "Take Me Out," in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Video of a naked Jesse Williams captured onstage in a shower scene from a Broadway play has been posted online, prompting an outcry from the producers and the union that represents actors and stage managers.

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms the creation and distribution of photographs and videos of our members during a nude scene," said Kate Shindle, president of Actors' Equity Association. "Whoever did this knew not only that they were filming actors without their consent, but also that they were explicitly violating the theater's prohibition on recording and distribution."

Williams is starring in a revival of "Take Me Out," Richard Greenberg's exploration of what happens when a Major League Baseball superstar comes out as gay, tracing the way it unsettles the team and unleashes toxic prejudices. Williams earned a Tony Award nomination Monday for playing the superstar.

Second Stage Theater, which is producing the revival, has been using Yondr pouches to protect the actors. Audience members arriving at the theater surrender their phones which are then put in the locked pouches until the end of the show. The company said it would beef up security in the wake of the violation.

"Taking naked pictures of anyone without their consent is highly objectionable and can have severe legal consequences," Second Stage said. "Posting it on the internet is a gross and unacceptable violation of trust between the actor and audience forged in the theatre community. We are actively pursuing takedown requests and ask that no one participates in the distribution of these images."

'Fiery' Psaki ending tenure as a top White House messenger

Psaki

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jen Psaki had been White House press secretary less than two weeks when a reporter asked whether Twitter's ban of Donald Trump had made President Joe Biden's life easier.

"We don't spend a lot of time talking about or thinking about President Trump here," she responded, then added for emphasis: "Former President Trump."

It was an early indication of what was to come with this press secretary. Her briefings were professional and typically congenial, but could turn pointed in a hurry. The sessions were informative but generally lacked the drama to draw big ratings on cable television.

Psaki, whose last day on the job is Friday, has answered reporters' questions nearly every weekday of the almost 500 days that Biden has been in office. That makes her a top White House communicator and perhaps the administration's most public face after only the president and Vice President Kamala Harris. Her departure could complicate how Biden's message gets out at a critical time for him, at least in the short term.

"Anybody with a brain would want her to stay because she's so good," said Martha Joynt Kumar, a political science professor emerita at Towson University and director of the White House Transition Project, a nonpartisan group that tries to help streamline the transfer of power from one administration to the next.

Succeeding Psaki is Karine Jean-Pierre, the first Black woman and openly LGBTQ person to be White House press secretary. She takes over as the administration is navigating inflation and Russia's war with Ukraine, and as the Democratic Party is bracing for November election losses that could erase its control of Congress.

Woman's long-held opinion of brother-in-law comes out

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I have always been close. She's married to a man I have always thought is domineering and arrogant. I also suspect that he's emotionally abusive from things she has confided over the years. These include days of the silent treatment, refusing to celebrate her birthday because he doesn't believe in it and discouraging her from taking a job she was interested in. He refuses to go to counseling and says whatever problems there are between them are her fault. I hold my tongue and try to tolerate him because she has chosen to stay with him.

He recently participated in a marathon and was connected to us and many others through social media so we could follow the entire two-day event from start to finish. After a day of constant "dinging" on my phone, I found his need for attention over the top and stopped following. My sister was very upset about it. She said she was embarrassed and hurt. When she asked why I stopped, I told her the truth.

Now our relationship is damaged. I apologized and tried to smooth things over, but she's now fully aware of my true feelings about him after seeing and hearing how he has treated her over the years. Should I have "kept the peace," as my dear departed mother always said, and continued to keep my mouth shut, or should I have been honest about my feelings?

PROTECTIVE OF SIS

DEAR PROTECTIVE: Because you say you and your sister are close, I am surprised you held your tongue about her husband's behavior for so long. You did nothing wrong by tuning out of the marathon updates. You should not have been expected to be held hostage for two days because your brother-in-law's ego needed bolstering. You were honest with your sister and, in my opinion, did nothing that requires an apology.

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DEAR ABBY: My partner and I have been in a long-distance relationship for about a year. After I did some casual social media stalking, I learned he still lives with his ex-boyfriend, in spite of the fact that he continually complains to me about his "roommate," whom he never refers to by name.

On top of that, we made a commitment over the last year to phone each other at least once a day. For the past three weeks, there are times I haven't heard from him at all, despite seeing him active on social media (especially on weekends). It's to a point where I stay awake until all hours, hoping to hear from him. Should I approach him about this, or is this just the end to the "honeymoon phase"?

WAITING BY THE PHONE IN CANADA

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR WAITING: Not only is it the end of the "honeymoon phase," but it may also be the beginning of the end of this romance because it appears your "partner" isn't as eager to contact you as you are to hear from him. Long-distance relationships can be challenging, and you may be happier if you couple up with somebody local.

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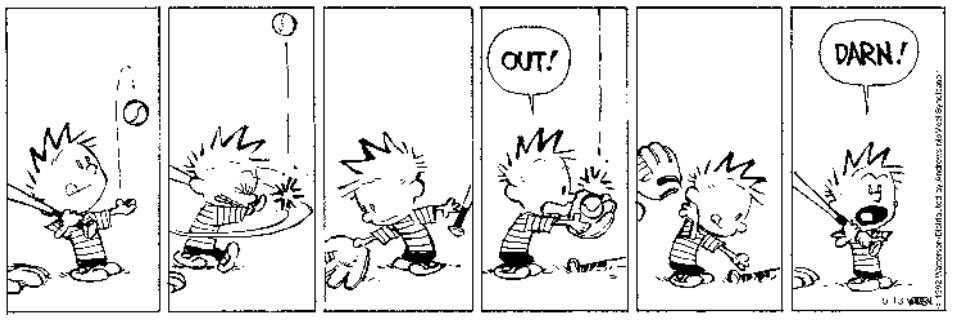
By Bill Waterson



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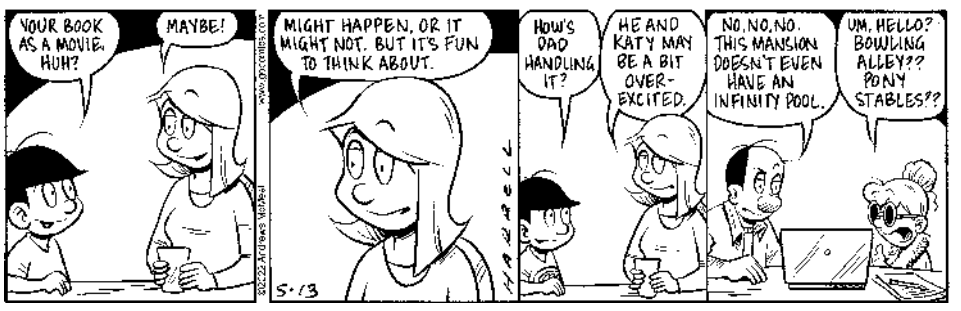
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HOW'S DAD HANDLING IT?
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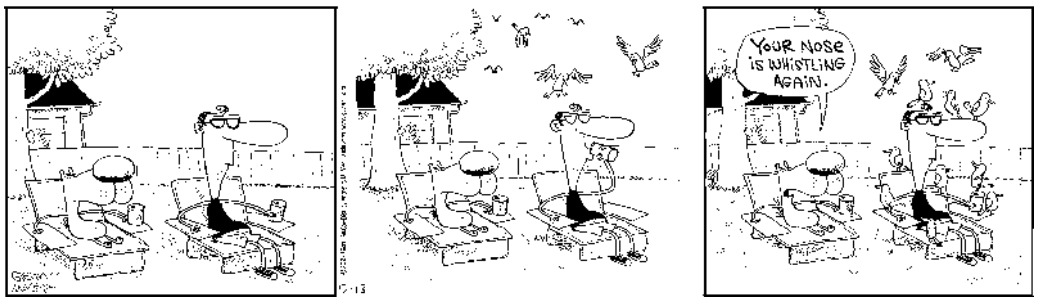
By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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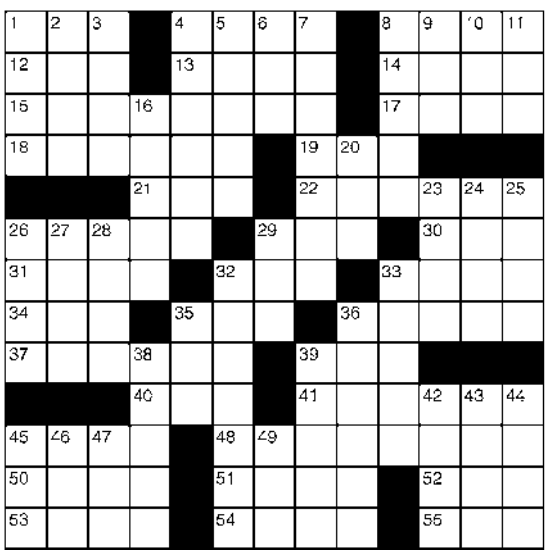

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Candice King, 35; Lena Dunham, 36; Stephen Colbert, 58; Stevie Wonder, 72.

Happy Birthday: Concentrate on being a good closer. Listen, assess and make counteroffers. Show compassion and understanding, and have an alternative suggestion to ensure you include something for everyone. Being a crowd-pleaser will help you control and designate what you want to manifest this year. Size up and sort out any differences that might slow you down or stand in your way. Your numbers are 14, 17, 22, 33, 38, 42, 45.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Follow through by acting on your words. Share your thoughts and intentions with someone you love, and it will lead you to sort out the best way to turn your goal into something tangible. Shared ideas, expenses and space look promising. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Jealousy will set your emotions on fire. Separate yourself from whatever is happening, and try to be rational. Nothing is as you imagine or assume. Acting on assumptions will put you in a precarious position that can affect your reputation. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Don't wait until the last minute to make plans. An organized outing will allow you to enjoy your day and the people you include in your circle. Information shared among friends, colleagues or family will be valuable. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Stop worrying about what others do or say, and put your energy into something that intrigues you. Explore venues and courses, and gain experience that will encourage you to expand your qualifications to include something you think you might enjoy. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Stick close to home and what and who are familiar to you. Keep an eye on someone who is inconsistent or making unpredictable changes that can influence your earning potential or financial security. Speak up for your rights. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Don't spend to impress someone. Choose to use charm and kind gestures, and the response you get will pay off. Mix business with pleasure, and you'll make headway in a relaxed environment geared toward cooperation. A partnership looks promising. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* You'll be right on target regarding ideas and putting your plans in motion. Time spent with people who share your beliefs and goals will help you broaden your vision. Try to work exclusively with someone who can help cut costs using shared expenses. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* You'll get a good look at what's possible if you attend a seminar, industry event or community project. Pitch in and help a cause, and you'll make valuable connections. Push your ideas and stand behind your word. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Trust your instincts, not what someone wants you to believe. Push yourself to be more resourceful and to put time aside to take care of your needs. Enjoy a spa day, or just kick back and relax with someone you love. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Emotions will spin out of control if you get into a debate. Be kind and keep the peace without giving up too much. Look for a budget-friendly incentive, and it will bring you closer to loved ones. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Assess your expenses and revisit your lifestyle and what causes the most stress. Look for ways to keep yourself in tiptop shape and save for something you want. Don't let anyone deter you from pursuing your dream. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Evaluate your relationships, consider who you have the most in common with and plan to spend more time together. Sticking to a routine will help ground you and encourage you to make time for something fun or creative you want to pursue. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are affectionate, generous and kind. You are wise and diligent.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Yesterday's Answer: Trampoline

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Grizzlies rout Warriors to avoid elimination, force Game 6

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The Memphis Grizzlies fought off elimination with the highest-scoring performance in their franchise's postseason history.

And with All-Star guard Ja Morant cheering from the bench. Then Morant upped the ante by chanting "Grizz in seven!"

Jaren Jackson Jr., Desmond Bane and Tyus Jones each scored 21 points and the Grizzlies routed the Golden State Warriors 134-95 on Wednesday night to force a sixth game in their Western Conference semifinal.

"We've exceeded expectations ever since I've been here," Bane said. "It almost seems whenever someone thinks we can't do something, we end up doing it. So I never want to put a limit on this team on what we can do because anything's possible."

Dillon Brooks added 12 points for Memphis. Ziaire Williams and Brandon Clarke had 11 apiece and De'Anthony Melton 10. Steven Adams had 13 rebounds, six offensive as Memphis outscored Golden State 24-5 on second-chance points.

The Grizzlies never trailed, turning in their best performance of this series to pull within 3-2 even with Morant out a second straight game because of a bone bruise in his right knee. They improved to 4-11 when facing elimination.

"We knew what was at stake," Jackson said. "We didn't change anything, though. We just calmed down, looked at the film, understand what we had to take away from the last game and just went out there and executed."

Memphis scored 77 points in the first half, the most in franchise postseason history.

AP

Memphis Grizzlies' Dillon Brooks (24) and Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) battle for the ball in the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in Memphis, Tenn.

The Grizzlies pushed their lead to 55 in the third quarter, threatening the three biggest postseason blowouts in NBA history. Their 52-point lead after three tied for the largest in a playoff game in the past 70 years.

"Obviously, this was a very impressive win for our group, great bounce-back for sure," Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins said.

When Memphis fans chanted "Whoop That Trick! Whoop That Trick!" early in the fourth, Stephen Curry laughed on the court while Draymond Green swung a towel in unison with the crowd. Green said he doesn't respect people who only bring energy when winning.

"When you spew it out, you've got to be willing to take it and not hide from it and not duck from it and not hide from it. Embrace it," Green said. "So, I appreciated the crowd tonight and the energy they brought to the game. If they want to whoop that trick, we're going to whoop it together."

Game 6 is Friday night in San Francisco, where the Warriors have won five straight playoff games and their last seven overall.

Klay Thompson led Golden State with 19 points, Jonathan Kuminga added 17, Curry had 14 and Damion Lee and Moses Moody each had 10.

The Warriors lost for the first time with assistant Mike Brown filling in for coach Steve Kerr, who missed his second straight game since testing positive for COVID before Game 4. Thompson said they expected to close out this series only to play "like a shell of ourselves."

"It was awful," Thompson said. "It was embarrassing from the opening tip. We didn't have great flow. They were more aggressive than us, reflecting their 30 free throws to our 13."

The Grizzlies got back to doing the things that helped them post the second-best record during the regular season. They outrebounded Golden State for the first time in this series 55-37, dominating the offensive boards 18-4. They forced 22 turnovers and got their best production from the bench of this series.

Golden State, thanks to Jordan Poole coming off the bench, had outscored Memphis' reserves each of the first four games. Facing elimination, the Grizzlies had a 28-8 edge through the first two quarters and finished with a 52-35 margin. Poole had three points.

Memphis led 38-28 at the end of the first quarter and continued a 24-8 run into the second quarter to go up 53-36. They finished the second on a 20-4 run, including 14 straight, to outscore Golden State 39-22 for a 77-50 lead at halftime.

Then the Grizzlies opened the third quarter outscoring Golden State 20-6. They kept pushing, outscoring Golden State 42-17 in the third for a 119-67 lead going into the fourth.

Brown benched most of his starters by 3:44 of the third, and Jenkins followed to start the fourth resting up for a flight to California and Game 6.

Bucks 110, Celtics 107

In Boston, Giannis Antetokounmpo was having his best shooting night of the playoffs. Milwaukee dominated on the boards. And still the Bucks trailed Boston by 14 points in a game that could send the defending NBA champions to the brink of elimination.

That's when Jrue Holiday showed the Defensive Player of the Year a thing or two about defense.

Bobby Portis put back Antetokounmpo's missed free throw with 15 seconds left, and Holiday snuffed Marcus Smart on Boston's final two possessions Wednesday night as Milwaukee erased a 14-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Celtics 110-107 and take a 3-2 series lead.

"Obviously, in Boston you're down 14 in the fourth quarter, people would say everything's against us. But we come together," said Holiday, who also hit the tying 3-pointer with 43 seconds left. "We live and die like that."

Antetokounmpo had 40 points and 11 rebounds, making 16 of 27 shots — including a long 3-pointer to make it 105-102 with 1:40 to play. Holiday finished with 24 points, eight rebounds and eight assists and Portis added 14 points and 15 rebounds. The Bucks can advance to the Eastern Conference finals with a victory in Game 6 at home Friday night.

Jayson Tatum scored 34 points and Jaylen Brown had 26 for the Celtics, who need a win in Milwaukee to force a decisive seventh game back in Boston on Sunday.

The Celtics led 93-79 early in the fourth before the Bucks closed the gap, tying it at 105 with 43 seconds to play on back-to-back 3-pointers from Antetokounmpo and Holiday. Tatum hit a pair of free throws to give Boston back the lead.

Antetokounmpo went to the line with a chance to tie it and made the first, then Portis grabbed the rebound of the second and put it in off the backboard to give Milwaukee its first lead since early in the second quarter.

Smart drove to the basket but Holiday blocked him and came away with the ball, throwing it off the Celtics guard while falling out of bounds.

"Just a great instinctive play by Jrue," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "He's a winner. Jrue Holiday's a winner. You ask any player in this league or any coach in this league. He's a winner."

Pat Connaughton made a pair of free throws with six seconds left, then Holiday stole the ball from Smart on his desperation dash for a potential game-tying 3-pointer. The Celtics committed eight of their 10 turnovers in the second half and gave up a 49-36 rebounding edge in all.

"If we box out we win that game," Smart said. "They're the defending champs. They made some championship plays. And now we've got to bounce back."

Milwaukee had 17 offensive rebounds to Boston's five, with Portis grabbing seven.

Bob Lanier, NBA force who left big shoes to fill, dies at 73

Bob Lanier, the left-handed big man who muscled up beside the likes of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as one of the NBA's top players of the 1970s, has died. He was 73.

The NBA said Lanier died Tuesday after a short illness. The Hall of Famer had worked for the league as a global ambassador. The Athletic reported in 2019 that Lanier was being treated for bladder cancer.

Lanier played 14 seasons with the Detroit Pistons and Milwaukee Bucks and averaged 20.1 points and 10.1 rebounds for his career. He is third on the Pistons' career list in both points and rebounds. Detroit drafted Lanier with the No. 1 overall pick in 1970 after he led St. Bonaventure to the Final Four.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Lanier was among the most talented centers in league history, and added that his accomplishments went far beyond what he did on the court.

"For more than 30 years, Bob served as our global ambassador and as a special assistant to David Stern and then me, traveling the world to teach the game's values and make a positive impact on young people everywhere," Silver said in a statement. "It was a labor of love for Bob, who was one of the kindest and most genuine people I have ever been around."

At 6-foot-10 and 250 pounds, Lanier was considered a big man during his time and used that bulk to his advantage.

"Bob Lanier will always be one of the big men of basketball," Abdul-Jabbar said in a statement posted on social media. "Not just because of the size of his body but because of the size of his heart."

Lanier went into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992. But his boat-size shoes got there ahead of him, with a display of his bronzed sneakers in the shrine.

He was known for wearing size 22 shoes, although that was disputed in 1989 by a Converse representative, who told The Atlanta Constitution that Lanier wore size 18 1/2.

"The 22 he was reputed to wear was a Korean size," shoe rep Gary Stoken said.

Not contested was the abundantly clear fact that his feet were big.

"A lot of people can put both feet into one of my shoes," Lanier told HOOP magazine.

Born Sept. 10, 1948, in Buffalo, New York, Lanier starred in college at St. Bonaventure, where he averaged 27.6 points and 15.7 rebounds in three seasons. The Bonnies made it all the way to the Final Four in 1970, but Lanier had injured his knee in the regional final, and St. Bonaventure lost in the national semifinals to Jacksonville.

Lanier overcame a litany of orthopedic injuries, dealing with shoulder, back, elbow, hand and toe problems during his career. But that didn't prevent him from earning his place among the top NBA centers of his era. After being named to the all-rookie team in 1971, he averaged at least 21 points and 11 rebounds for each of the next seven seasons. Lanier was an eight-time All-Star and the MVP of the 1974 All-Star Game. ***(AP)***

Christian Yelich hits for third cycle in Brewers' 14-11 loss to Reds

CINCINNATI (AP)—Christian Yelich bolted out of the box, sprinting around the bases and cruising into third standing up for his first triple of the season.

A very well-timed triple, too.

The Milwaukee Brewers star hit for a record-tying third cycle — amazingly, all of them against Cincinnati. Yelich accomplished the feat Wednesday in a 14-11 loss to the Reds.

"I'd definitely rather win the game," Yelich said. "Weird things happen in baseball. Any time you can hit for a cycle, it's pretty cool. I will try to enjoy it as much as possible."

Yelich tripled during a six-run ninth inning rally. His teammates were well aware of the significance, and they stood on the top row of the dugout to applaud him.

Yelich became the sixth player in major league history to hit at least one home run, triple, double and single in the same game three times. He joined Trea Turner, Adrián Beltré, Babe Herman, Bob Meusel and John Reilly in accomplishing the feat.

Earlier, Yelich doubled in the first, hit a three-run homer in the third and singled in the fifth.

Late in the 2018 season, Yelich hit for the cycle twice in a span of three weeks against the Reds.

"A lot of things kind of have to happen to hit the cycle," the former National League MVP said. "It is hard enough to get four hits in a major league game and to have the right kind, there's an element of luck. It is still pretty cool."

Tyler Stephenson drove in four runs with a pair of doubles and Colin Moran hit a three-run homer for Cincinnati. The Reds, with the worst record in the majors, won their second straight series by topping the NL Central leaders.

"All these teams in the league are good -- you have to keep playing, you have to keep going," Reds manager David Bell said. "Great day offensively. Not only the hits and the RBIs, but just grinding out at-bats, controlling the strike zone, getting guys in base. That created the opportunities."

Yankees 5, Blue Jays 3

In New York, Gleyber Torres homered and drove in five runs, and the Yankees beat the Blue Jays for their 15th win in 17 games.

DJ LeMahieu had two hits and scored twice for New York. Jameson Taillon (3-1) allowed two runs in 5 1/3 innings, and Aroldis Chapman worked the ninth for eighth save.

New York won its seventh straight series and improved to a major league-best 22-8, its best 30-game start since 2003. The Yankees are 13-0 when scoring five runs or more.

Toronto has lost a season-high four straight and seven of nine. José Berríos (2-2) gave up five runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings, raising his ERA to 5.82.

Nationals 8, Mets 3

In Washington, Juan Soto and Nelson Cruz homered and Washington sent New York right-hander Tylor Megill to the earliest exit of his career.

Soto hit a two-run homer in the Nationals' five-run first inning and Cruz hit his 453rd career longball, a three-run blast to left-center in the second that traveled an estimated 436 feet. Staked to a big lead, Aaron Sanchez (2-2) pitched to contact.

Megill (4-2) recorded four outs while allowing eight runs on eight hits with a walk and a hit batter, losing his second straight start as his ERA swelled from 2.43 to 4.41. Pete Alonso hit a two-run homer in the first for the NL East-leading Mets.

Athletics 9, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Zach Logue pitched seven sharp innings in his second major league start and Oakland spoiled the debut of Joey Wentz by thumping Detroit.

Sean Murphy and Kevin Smith each drove in two while Christian Bethancourt supplied three hits, two runs scored and an RBI for the A's. Ramon Laureano reached base three times, scored two runs and drove in another.

Logue (2-1) held Detroit to five hits, walked none and struck out six.

The A's battered Wentz for six runs on seven hits in 2 2/3 innings of his first game in the majors. Miguel Cabrera led the Tigers with three hits.

Rays 4, Angels 2, 10 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Vidal Bruján got an RBI double leading off the 10th inning for his first hit of the season, and Tampa Bay rebounded from its no-hit loss with a win over Los Angeles.

The game was a 1-0 pitchers' duel until the eighth, with Tampa Bay's Shane McClanahan barely outpitching Shohei Ohtani. McClanahan had a career high-tying 11 strikeouts over seven innings of three-hit ball.

Ohtani yielded two hits and two walks over six sharp innings for the Angels, striking out five on 92 pitches.

Pinch-hitter Taylor Ward hit a tying two-run homer in the eighth for the Angels.

Kevin Kiermaier hit a solo homer in the second for Tampa Bay. He scored from second base in the 10th wen Bruján popped a double to left off Aaron Loup (0-2).

J.P. Feyereisen (3-0) pitched the ninth for the Rays, who snapped a three-game skid.

AP

Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich hits a ground-rule double during the first inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds in Cincinnati, Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Cubs 7, Padres 5

In San Diego, Alfonso Rivas hit a tiebreaking two-run single against his hometown team in the eighth inning, leading the Cubs to the victory.

Rivas, who grew up in Tijuana and Chula Vista, came up with the bases loaded and singled to center off Luis Garcia (0-2).

One-time Padres pitcher Rowan Wick got a six-out save, striking out Manny Machado to end the eighth with a runner on second. It was his second save in as many chances.

Mychal Givens (2-0) got the win.

Chicago took two of three in the series after arriving in San Diego with a five-game losing streak.

The Padres announced during the game that manager Bob Melvin had prostate surgery and is expected to make a full recovery.

San Diego tied it at 5 on solo homers by Eric Hosmer and Luke Voit in the seventh.

Pirates 5, Dodgers 3

In Pittsburgh, Daniel Vogelbach hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning, and the Pirates took a series from the Dodgers for the first time in nearly five years.

Vogelbach lined a shot to the seats in right field off Daniel Hudson (1-2), putting the Pirates back in front after they squandered a three-run lead in the top of the inning.

Jack Suwinski hit his second home run in three days for Pittsburgh. Josh VanMeter also homered off Dodgers reliever Tommy Kahnle in the sixth, but he committed an error in the seventh that helped kickstart a Los Angeles rally highlighted by Edwin Rios' bases-clearing double off Chris Stratton.

Wil Crowe (2-2) got the win, and David Bednar worked two perfect innings for his fifth save.

Pittsburgh, which entered the series having lost 16 straight games to the Dodgers, took two of three for its first series win against Los Angeles since a three-game sweep in June 2016.

Braves 5, Red Sox 3

In Atlanta, Orlando Arcia hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Atlanta a win over Boston.

Arcia lined his first homer of the season over the left-field wall off Ryan Brasier (0-1) with one out in the ninth for his third hit of the game. The homer drove in Ozzie Albies, who led off with a single to end an 0-for-10 slump.

Kenley Jansen (1-0) recorded two strikeouts while walking one batter in a scoreless ninth.

Trevor Story's two-run homer in the second drove in Alex Verdugo, who doubled with one out. It was Story's first homer with Boston.

Cardinals 10, Orioles 1

In St. Louis, Juan Yepez homered and Miles Mikolas pitched seven strong innings, leading St. Louis to a win over Baltimore.

Paul Goldschmidt drove in three runs for St. Louis, which snapped a three-game losing streak. Brendan Donovan added a two-run double to the Cards' 11-hit attack, and Tommy Edman also drove in a pair of runs.

Spenser Watkins (0-1) took the loss for Baltimore, which had its season-best three-game winning streak halted.

Mikolas (3-1) allowed one run on four hits. He struck out three and walked one.

Marlins 11, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Jacob Stallings hit a go-ahead single during Miami's eight-run ninth inning, and Jazz Chisholm Jr. followed with a three-run homer.

Miami controlled most of the game until the eighth, when pinch hitter Jordan Luplow connected for a tying two-run homer against Marlins reliever Steven Okert.

Miami responded quickly against Mark Melancon (0-4). Stallings' single put the Marlins back in front. Chisholm then drove a low pitch out to left-center.

Avisaíl García and Joey Wendle also homered for the Marlins. Anthony Bass (1-1) got the win.

D-backs rookie Alek Thomas hit his first career homer in the third, a solo shot over the 413-foot sign in center.

Phillies 4, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Rhys Hoskins homered for the third straight game and provided all of Philadelphia's offense with his second career grand slam.

The Phillies took two of three from the Mariners. Hoskins hit solo homers in each of the first two games and provided the big blow with his first grand slam since March 28, 2019, against Atlanta.

Hoskins lined a 2-1 pitch from Logan Gilbert (4-1) just inside the foul pole down the left-field line with one out in the fourth inning.

Seranthony Domínguez (2-1) got the win, and Corey Knebel earned his sixth save.

Julio Rodríguez and Ty France each hit an RBI single for the Mariners.

Royals 8, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Local high school star Bobby Witt Jr. hit a two-run double and had his first three-RBI game in the majors, Whit Merrifield homered for the first time since August and Kansas City beat Texas to snap a three-game losing streak.

Emmanuel Rivera padded a three-run Royals lead in the ninth inning, clearing the bases with a two-out, pinch-hit triple.

Brad Miller and Corey Seager hit solo homers for Texas. It was Seager's third in two games. Miller hit his second pinch-hit homer in four days.

Joel Payamps (1-1), the second of six Kansas City pitchers, allowed two singles in three innings to earn the victory, striking out five and walking none.

Kolby Allard (0-2) was the second of Texas' six pitchers. He gave up Merrifield's homer among two hits and a walk in three innings.

Giants 7, Rockies 1

In San Francisco, Brandon Crawford homered, and the Giants earned their 10th straight win over the Rockies.

Crawford drove in three runs and scored twice as San Francisco extended its overall winning streak to five. Alex Cobb (2-1) pitched 5 1/3 innings of one-run ball in his first victory since April 12.

Colorado lost its fourth in a row.

San Francisco handed Chad Kuhl (3-1) his first loss of the season, tagging him for five runs in 4 2/3 innings. It was just the second time in six starts that Kuhl allowed more than one run.

Astros 5, Twins 1, 4 innings, suspended

In Minneapolis, Houston and Minnesota had their game suspended Wednesday night when a severe thunderstorm rolled through and halted play in the top of the fourth inning with the Astros leading the Twins 5-1 on Jeremy Peña's three RBIs and Jose Altuve's home run.

The teams will pick up where they left off Thursday afternoon and play the last six innings, before staging the series finale at Target Field about a half-hour after the first game concludes.

TanHolding keeps MSL Spring Season lead

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TanHoldings Football Club was on fire in last Sunday's Division A game in the Marianas Soccer League Spring Season 2022 at the NMI Soccer Training Center after torching the NMI U17 Developmental Team, 8-0.

Martin Jambor led TanHoldings' rout of the NMI U17 after delivering a hat trick, while Joshua Abragan, Jireh Yobech, Michiteru Mita, Kohtaro Goto, and Rakib Hassan added one goal each.

With the lopsided win, TanHoldings is still on top of team standings, as it remains unbeaten in three games.

Eleven Tiger is at close second with its 2-1-0 win-draw-loss following a 3-0 triumph (via forfeit) over Paire, which dropped to third place (2-0-2). The NMI U17 is ranked fourth with a 0-1-2 slate, while Kanoa FC is at the cellar with a 0-0-3 mark.

DIVISION B

Matansa 6, Shirley's 1

In Group 2 of Division B, Matansa also notched its third win to keep the lead in its pool.

Justin Weaver anchored Matansa's victory over Shirley's, as he scored three goals. Dylan Mister, Dane Hodges, and Garrett Weaver contributed one goal each, while Shirley's lone goal came from Carl Salas. Shirley's has yet to win a game after four matches.

Old B Bank 2, Bangladesh FC 1

In the other match in Group 2, Old B Bank edged Bangladesh FC to match Matansa's 3-1-0 record and gain a share of the lead in the pool.

Guillermo Lifoifoi hit the winning goal for Old B Bank in the 41st minute, just two minutes after Bangladesh FC's Soheal Akanda tied the match. Jun Liu scored the other goal for Old B Bank.

WDT 4, Saipan United 3

The NMI Women's Developmental Team broke into the win column in Group 1 after nosing out Saipan United.

Jannah Casarino, Kaithlyn Chavez, Allyssya Angeles, and Britanny Wally scored for the WDT, while Kuu Nishimura registered all the three goals for Saipan United.

In the other match in Group 1, Hana FC and Chang Bai Hu settled for a scoreless draw.

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TanHoldings Football CLub's Michiteru Mita, right, is about to get a high-five from teammate Martin Jambor after scoring in an earlier game in Division A of the Marianas Soccer League Spring Season 2022 at the NMI Soccer Training Center. Mita and Jambor both scored in their 8-0 rout of the NMI U17 Developmental Team last Sunday.

Catering company donates to Pacific Mini Games

A catering company in the CNMI has committed to provide food worth $2,500 for athletes and teams participating in the triathlon and beach volleyball events of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 that will be held respectively on Rota and Tinian.

Representatives of the Pacific Mini Games organizing committee recognized their partnership with Kalayaan Catering Inc. during a short ceremony at the catering company's main office last Wednesday.

This commitment makes the catering company one of the Mini Games' six "sportsmanship sponsors."

"As part of the hosts, we are responsible for feeding our athletes and team officials…and also [preparing] accommodation, transportation, so you guys [Kalayaan] are also making this successful as you are part of it, donating a piece of the meal that we'll be serving on Rota and Tinian, so [thank you]," said Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta.

Kalayaan president Eleanor Alinas also expressed her gratitude. "We are really grateful for this opportunity. It is a first-time event and we are so happy to be a part of [CNMI] history. It really is a pleasure and an honor for us..."

Triathlon will be held on Rota where three races will be held— sprint distance and mixed team relay on Day 1 and aquathlon on Day 2. Beach volleyball, meanwhile, will have its consolation matches on Tinian. ***(Chrystal Marino)***

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee chair Marco Peter joins Kalayaan Catering Inc. officials and employees for a group photo after the catering company signed on as a sportsmanship sponsor of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 set from June 17 to 25 this year.

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athletes, Australia with 14, Cook Islands with one, FSM with four, Fiji with 61, Guam with 13, Kiribati with 13, Nauru with 12, New Caledonia with 44, Northern Marianas with 25, Palau with six, PNG with 47, Samoa with 10, Solomon Islands with 41, Tahiti with 20, Tonga with five, Tuvalu with three, and Vanuatu with eight.

For badminton, eight countries will see action—Guam with eight, New Caledonia with nine, Northern Marianas with 12, Solomon Islands with eight, Tahiti with 12, Tuvalu with three, and Vanuatu with 12.

Baseball has five countries throwing their hats in the ring and they are Fiji with eight, Guam with 20, Northern Marianas with 20, Palau with 20, and Solomon Islands with 18.

For beach volleyball, there are 11 countries with Guam, Kiribati, Northern Marianas, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Vanuatu, and Wallis & Futuna entering the full complement of two men's and two women's players, while New Caledonia, Samoa, and Tuvalu are only sending their two-man men's teams.

In golf, there are also 11 countries entered with Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, Northern Marianas, and Solomon Islands having eight players each. PNG and Tahiti will be sending four apiece, while Cook Islands will have a three-person team. Both Samoa and Vanuatu will have two players each coming.

Northern Marianas, Fiji, Guam, Nauru, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, and Tahiti will have eight players each in tennis, while PNG, Samoa, and Vanuatu will have seven apiece. The rest of the countries taking part in tennis are Cook Islands (2), FSM (3), Kiribati (5), Tonga (6), Tuvalu (3), Vanuatu (3), and Wallis & Futuna (3).

In triathlon, Northern Marianas, Fiji, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, and Tahiti will have six athletes each, followed by Guam (4) and Palau (1).

Va'a will have the following entries per country: Cook Islands (2), Fiji (6), Guam (24), New Caledonia (28), Norfolk Island (3), Northern Marianas (28), Palau (1), PNG (28), Solomon Islands (4), Tahiti (8) and Wallis & Futuna (20).

For weightlifting, Solomon Islands will have the most entries with 20 followed by Nauru and Fiji with 18 apiece, Northern Marianas and Tahiti with 14 each, Guam with 12, Samoa with six, Australia and PNG with five each, New Caledonia and Tuvalu with four each, Cook Islands and Vanuatu with two each, and Kiribati with one.

The Mini Games Organizing Committee said it expects the final list of officials that includes coaches, team officials, technical delegates, and Pacific Games Council officials to be updated this week.

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No. 2 seed Vivian Chung, 6-1. She earlier ousted No. 1 seed Emma Lang in the semis, 6-4.

In doubles play, Ian Chae and Ryan Choi won the boys doubles 12 with a perfect 5-0 record. Henry Choi and Nason Wessel took the cake with a 3-0 result in the boys doubles 14. In the girls doubles 14, Irin Chung and Savita Sikkel went perfect at 2-0 to win the division.

Finally in the boys doubles 18, Andy Kim and David Kwon won the age group after compiling an unscathed 3-0 record.

The 2022 TSL CNMI Junior Tennis Championships was sponsored by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and organized by the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association.

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work my team and I have been working on," said the Team Oyama fighter.

Going up against Torres, who comes in also at 5'10" and 155 lbs. with a record of 12-2, Camacho said he'll be sure to give fight fans a match to cheer for.

"I'm very confident. It stems from a great support group, hard work, and positive mindset... Training went really well…and right around weight."

In Camacho's corner will be a familiar face, as the CNMI's very own Cuki Alvarez will be in Camacho's camp.

"I'm so happy to have Cuk in my corner. He's been with me since Day 1 and knows how I am as an athlete, fighter, and person. Marianas in the house!"

Torres, out of Entram Gym, was able to earn a UFC contract after fighting on Dana White's Contender Series last summer. His most recent fight was last fall and ended with him beating Kolton Englund on strikes in just over two minutes of the first round.

The Camacho-Torres lightweight bout will be one of the undercards for UFC Vegas 54's main event that will pit former champion Jan Blachowicz against Aleksandar Rakic in the heavyweight division.

Grizzlies rout Warriors to avoid elimination, force Game 6

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CNMI tied with Fiji for most athletes

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With a little over a month to go before the opening of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, contractor USA Fanter Corp. is busy completing a new press box for the Francisco "Tan'Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Host CNMI and Fiji are the tied with the most athletes taking part in the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 set from June 17 to 25 this year.

In the final list of athletes expected to see action in the quadrennial event, the CNMI and Fiji will have 125 athletes apiece. The Solomon Islands has the second most athletes for the Mini Games with 117, followed by New Caledonia (109), Guam (101), Papua New Guinea (91), Tahiti (90), Palau (47), Wallis & Futuna (42), Nauru (38), Samoa (31), Vanuatu (28), Kiribati (23), Australia (19), Tuvalu (15), Tonga (12), Cook Islands (10), Federated States of Micronesia (7), American Samoa (3), and Norfolk Island (3).

In all, 1,034 athletes from 20 countries will compete in the Mini Games. The sport with the most athletes entered is athletics with 329, followed by outrigger canoe or *va'a* (182), weightlifting (131), tennis (98), baseball (96), badminton (64), golf (61), beach volleyball (38), and triathlon (35).

Athletics will have 18 countries participating, namely American Samoa with two

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Jimin, Hye Jin top junior tennis championships

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Top junior netters Jimin Woo and Hye Jin Elliot stamped their class anew in the 2022 TSL CNMI Junior Tennis Championships that concluded last weekend at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

In the boys 18, top seed Woo dropped only three games en route to winning the title following a 6-1, 6-2 victory over surprise finalist Jung Wang, who upset No. 2 seed Isaac Heo in the semifinals.

Elliot, for her part, continued her mastery over close friend Serin Chung, 6-1, 6-4, marking the nth time the Saipan International School batchmates faced off in the division.

In the boys 16, David Kwon came all the way from being the third seed to win the competition when he won over fourth seed Simon Tang in the finals, 6-4, 6-3. The Mt. Carmel School freshman outlasted top seed Cody Shimizu in the semis, 7-5, 4-6, 10-6.

There was an upset in the boys 14 when No. 2 Henry Choi got the better of top seed June Yu after a protracted match, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 10-7.

In the girls 14, Irin Chung justified her No. 1 seeding following a 6-1, 6-0 victory over No. 2 Hoo Wang.

Ryan Choi also scored an upset after the second seed shocked No. 1 Ian Chae, 6-3, 6-2, in the boys 12 finals.

In the boys 10, No. 2 Jinho Cody bested No. 1 Minjoon Michael Joon for all the marbles, 6-3.

Jenna Pascual continued her giant-killing ways after the unseeded player won the girls 10 following a 6-1 win over

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Elliot

Woo

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, trains with Team Oyama coach Colin Oyama for his upcoming fight against Manuel Torres in UFC Vegas 54.

'The Crank' returns to 8-sides in UFC 247

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Marianas pride Frank "The Crank" Camacho will return to mixed martial arts action this weekend when he faces Manuel "El Loco" Torres in UFC Vegas 54 at the UFC Apex in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Prep for the fight is done. Just fight week prepping now. Weight cut, media, final game planning. It was a great fight camp for Manuel Torres," said the 32-year-old, who enters the octagon cage with a 22-9 win-loss record.

This marks the 5'10," 155-lb. Camacho's first fight in nearly three years. He was supposed to return to MMA action last year, but was forced to pull out from his fight against Matt Frevola in UFC 263 in June 2021 after suffering back and neck injuries sustained in a car accident.

"I'm just so grateful for the opportunity. Two years off because of things I cannot control was a bummer. I can't wait to just go in there and showcase all the hard

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